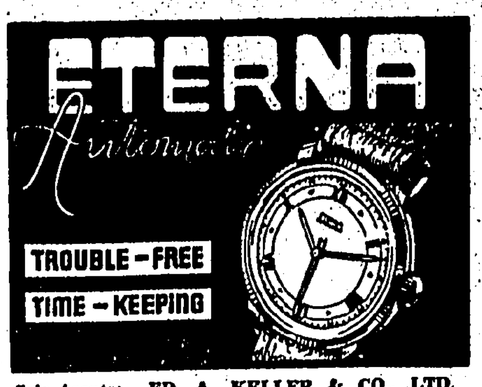

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REDS MISSED CHANCE TO CONQUER TAIWAN

Could have done it in 14 days in March

SPY-HUNT SURVIVOR'S REPORT

The Chinese Communists would have been able to conquer Taiwan Island within 14 days had they attempted the invasion in March, the "Sunday Herald" learned yesterday.

The informant, one of the men arrested in the mass round-up of Communist agents and spies in Taiwan in March, said that Taiwan's only defence against a Communist invasion lies in the Nationalist Navy and Air Force.

The informant arrived in Hong Kong recently. He said that he survived Nationalist security screenings and interrogations and was released. He claimed he was closely associated with the men who had planned to defect from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

He described Taiwan as a rotten egg with only the shell holding it together. He said that once the shell is broken, Taiwan will automatically collapse. The shell, he said, is the Nationalist Navy and Air Force.

The informant added that he had learned that one of the factors that has held up the Communist invasion plans is the question of direct Soviet participation in China's civil war.

He said that the Chinese Communists are at present not capable of carrying out a successful invasion of Taiwan across the 100-mile Formosan Straits without Soviet leadership.

The invasion forces, he added, need Soviet officers, technicians, meteorologists, and advisers.

He said that the Chinese Communist High Command is now considering whether to permit open Soviet participation in the invasion. He added that opinion among the Communists is that the United States would give the Nationalists all-out aid in the event of such Soviet participation.

The overall war situation was discussed at a regular meeting today of Nationalist service chiefs.

Topics discussed are believed to have included the new Communist air force and moves to checkmate a possible Red invasion of Chusan and Hainan islands.

Press reports said the Communist garrison on Weichow Island, 70 miles from Hainan, was starving because of the tight Nationalist blockade through which, it was claimed, not a single craft had managed to slip.

The reports indicated the garrison would have to surrender or die of hunger unless it was relieved within 10 days.

Other press reports claimed that Feng Pai-chu, leader of Communist guerillas in Hainan, had been captured by a group of his own men and handed over to the Nationalists as a prisoner.

Official confirmation, however, was lacking.

Only 57 days' water supply in reservoirs

Don't waste water! There is only 57 days' supply in the Colony's reservoirs and the rainfall expected this month is still lacking.

Every effort should be made by the general public to avoid wastage and to reduce consumption.

Don't store up more water than is actually needed.

Since the beginning of the year, Hong Kong has been benefited by only 4.63 inches of rainfall as against an average of 8.43 inches.

Ownership of Caduceus in dispute

Taipeh, April 13.

The ownership of the steamer Caduceus will be one of the main points in the argument between the Chinese authorities here and Mr. D. F. Allen, Far Eastern representative of the British Ministry of Transport, according to reliable Chinese sources.

The Chinese crew of the vessel are said to have admitted that they were in Communist employment, while the Nationalist authorities claim that they have evidence that the ship hoisted the five-star flag in Hong Kong.

Reliable sources disclosed that the British have admitted the Communists first offered to buy the ship and later decided to charter it.

The Chinese authorities here, it is reported, maintain that if the ship was under charter it was not necessary to hoist the Communist flag.

Master summoned

Mr. Allen, who is conferring with British officials concerned tonight, has summoned Mr. Ronald Hay Conway, the master of the Caduceus, to Taipeh for consultation.

No British representation has yet been forwarded to the Chinese authorities.

According to British sources Lieutenant-Commander Warner Denis was prevented by the harbour authorities from interviewing Captain Conway at Kaohsiung, in spite of permission from Dr. K. C. Wu, the Governor of Taiwan.

The same sources believe that the Chinese crew of the Caduceus have been taken to Taipeh and are now under interrogation. —Reuter.

THE WEATHER

At 0400 GMT (12 p.m. HKET) a depression is developing over the Lower Yangtse. A ridge of high pressure over Japan and the adjacent seas is weakening.

Today's Forecast:—Light or moderate Southerly winds. Cloudy with occasional showers. Fog patches in the morning. Continuing warm.

Yesterday's Weather:—

Maximum:	72.3 deg. Fah.
Minimum:	61.5 deg. Fah.
Sunshine:	2.5 hours.
Rainfall:	Trace. Total since Jan. 1— 117.5 mm.=4.63 ins. as against an average of 216.4 mm.=8.60 ins.

Readings at

	10 a.m.	4 p.m.
Baro. at m.s.l.	1008.3	1006.8 m.b.
Equals	29.79	29.73 inches
Rel. Humidity:	83	75 %
Dew Point:	70	71 deg. F.
Wind Direction:	S by E	S by E
Wind Force	9	10 knots

Franco's daughter weds doctor

Wearing the glittering uniform of Captain General of the Spanish Army, Generalissimo Francisco Franco, Spain's Chief of State, leads his 23-year-old daughter Carmen to the court chapel of the Pardo Palace in Madrid for her wedding to Christobal Martinez Y. Bordiu, Marques de Villaverde, 27-year-old Madrid physician. The guests numbered more than 1000.—("A.P. radio photo").

U.S. in retreat on East European cold war front

Washington, April 15.

The United States today appeared to be in full retreat along the Eastern European front of the cold war.

United States officials conceded Moscow had been consolidating its position from Finland to the Balkans by steadily eliminating American influence, hampering Western propaganda activities and forcing the reduction of American diplomatic staffs.

These recent developments show the picture:

CZECHOSLOVAKIA — Czech employees of the United States have been terrorised and two sent to prison. United States officials said the Czech government's actions appear to be designed to end contact between Czechs and American officials through widespread intimidation.

POLAND—Ten members have been cut from the staff of the American Embassy in accordance with a "request" from the Polish Government. Similar "requests" often accompanied by "spy" charges have forced the United States to plan substantial reductions of Embassy staffs in other Iron Curtain countries.

Finland—Sturdy Finland is going under increasing pressure because of its insistence on maintaining friendly social and economic relations with the West. Moscow Radio has criticised Finland sharply for "aping" the United States. The broadcast took to task a barber in Helsinki who advertised "Shaving and massage in American style."

American films

The broadcast also complained the Finns prefer American films and censor Russian movies, particularly one that "shows that the Marshall Plan leads to enslavement of Europe." The official nature of the broadcast gave it the character of a threat which diplomats said will not be lost on the hard-pressed Finnish Government.

Elsewhere Communist moves against American information and cultural activities have been intensified. In Bucharest, Rumania, for instance, the activities of the United States Embassy's Information Office has been halted by a Government order.

These trends are so universal along the Iron Curtain that Moscow's control and direction appear obvious, and are bringing the Voice of America to the fore as America's principal means of reaching the people of the area.

Although Soviet jamming practically blacks out the Voice in Russia proper, reception in the satellite areas has been robust so far. However, construction of powerful transmitters in the Soviet Occupied Zone of Germany may hinder all Radio Free Europe broadcasts to the satellites.—United Press.

Aziz under arrest in Jakarta

Jakarta, April 15.

The East Indonesian rebel leader, Captain Andi Abdul Aziz, 26-year-old former British paratrooper, was arrested on his arrival here from Macassar last night, the Sultan of Jogjakarta, the Indonesian Defence Minister, told Parliament today.

He said the Federal Government regarded Captain Aziz' decision to come to Jakarta as "unconditional surrender."

Reuter learned that the rebel leader spent last night in the military police barracks here.

A Defence Ministry spokesman said that preparations were continuing for an attack on the captain's rebel forces in Macassar, East Indonesian capital, which has been in their hands since April 5.

Usually well-informed sources here said Captain Aziz' troops would be "fighting mad" at the turn of events. These sources added that the rebel leader would not have volunteered to come to Jakarta had not Lieutenant-Colonel Mokoginta, the Federal Army commander in East Indonesia, given a guarantee, in the presence of United Nations observers, that he would be allowed to return to Macassar within four days.

Captain Aziz had resisted three previous Government ultimatums to come to Jakarta to account for leading the revolt on April 5 in protest against the Federal Government's decision to send reinforcement to East Indonesia.—Reuter.

Plotters executed

The informant said that as far as he knew, some 20 of the ring-leaders in the recent spy round-up had been executed. Lieutenant-General Wu Shih, Vice-Minister of Defence, was among them.

He said that most of the senior Nationalist Ministry of Defence officials arrested, began working for the Chinese Communists just before Nanking was abandoned.

He discounted previous reports from Taiwan that they had been associated with the Chinese Communists during the Manchurian campaign.

He said that the previous reports blaming Nationalist failures in Manchuria on these officials were inspired to remove all blame from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Previous reports from Taiwan said that the Communist invasion was originally planned for March but was postponed to April because preparations had not been completed. The mass arrests of spies and agents took place in March.

The "Sing Tao Man Po" reported yesterday that the brains behind the spy ring, a Chinese woman, is to be sent to Japan for trial. She has been accused of being an international spy for the Soviet Union.

Stern move

In a stern move against pro-Communist elements, the Nationalists have prescribed more severe penalties for treason and other subversive activities, adds Associated Press in a despatch from Taipeh.

These include confiscation of all property belonging to anyone hampering their war effort.

Ten years to life imprisonment or execution was decreed for espionage, arson, sabotage, strikes, disturbance of peace and order and disruption of business communications or public utilities.

Leniency was promised to those confessing Communist affiliations and rewards were promised to anyone exposing Red plots.

Time to prepare for election, Morrison says

London, April 15.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, said in an address today that it is time for the Labour Party to prepare for the next general election.

He did not speculate on the date when it may be held, but said there is urgent party work to be done in the marginal constituencies.

Mr. Morrison spoke approvingly of American economic aid to Britain.—Associated Press.

CAT sues U.S. bank for CNAC funds

San Francisco, April 15.

Beleaguered China's aviation problems were taken to U.S. courts yesterday when the Civil Air Transport, Incorporated, filed suit against the Bank of America demanding release of $1,225,012 deposited by the China National Aviation Corporation.

Civil Air Transport—headed by retired Major General Claire Chennault of Flying Tigers fame—says it has purchased CNAC and now owns all assets of that Chinese airline, including bank deposits.

However, the suit contends, the Bank of America refuses to release the funds to the new owner. CNAC was named co-defendant in the complaint.

In its suit, Civil Air Transport asks that the federal district court grant Civil Air Transport a declaration of its rights to receive payment and also a declaration respecting its rights to the deposit.

Chennault's Civil Air Transport announced purchase of CNAC and the Chinese Central Air Transport Corporation last December after the manager and many employees of the two lines went over to the Communists.

The Supreme Court in Hong Kong, however, rejected Chennault's claims and handed the planes and other assets in Hong Kong to the Reds.—Associated Press.

Search for missing U.S. plane ending

Copenhagen, April 15.

The American Air Force decided today to end its search for the missing United States Navy Privateer at sundown on Sunday, apparently convinced that the plane and its crew of 10 disappeared in the Baltic without a trace after being fired at by Soviet fighters.

The decision was announced by Lieutenant General John Cannon, United States Air Force Commander in Europe, at the Air Force headquarters in Wiesbaden, Germany.

The search went on today for the seventh successive day since the Privateer disappeared on a routine round trip training flight between Wiesbaden and Copenhagen.—United Press.

Would-be spy gets five years

Garmisch, April 15.

American Army Corporal Gustav Mueller, 19, was convicted of attempted espionage and sentenced to five years in prison by a court martial today.

Corporal Mueller admitted on the witness stand that he offered to act as a spy for Russia and even gave some secret documents to two American counter intelligence agents who were pretending to be Russian spies.

But he did so, said Mueller, only because he wanted to trace the "Russian spies" and turn them over to his commanding officer.

Mueller said he wired the offer to the Soviet Legation in Berne, Switzerland, to act as a Russian spy but insisted he did so only "out of curiosity."

The two counter-intelligence agents in whom he confided testified that Mueller told them he would "have a go" at the Russians in Germany. He said he would "play ball" with the Russians, but would not work for them.—United Press.

SUMMER TIME IN BRITAIN

London, April 15.

Britons will put their clocks forward one hour tonight in readiness for the start of Summer Time at 2.00 a.m. tomorrow.

Summer Time will last until October 22, when Britain will revert to Greenwich Mean Time. —Reuter.

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Battle with Huks raging 50 miles North of Manila

Manila, April 15.

The Department of National Defence announced today that a battle with more than 500 Huk-balahaps was raging 50 miles North of Manila.

Col. Luis Villareal, Headquarters spokesman, told the Associated Press:

"We caught up with them yesterday and the fight is still going on."

He would not give the exact location of the battle.

Army artillery for the past two days has been pounding a Huk-balahap concentration within an hour's drive of Manila. Shellfire could be heard in the city's suburbs.

On a visit this morning to the artillery positions, it was learned that five self-propelled 105's yesterday pumped more than 300 shells into Huks lying low in the foothills of nearby mountains.

A Headquarters spokesman, who said the bombardment would continue "till they get out of there," asked the Associated Press to withhold the exact location of the operations and the identity of the unit involved.

It was stated, however, that the Huks numbered some 500 and that they were part of a group which recently raided and burned towns and villages not far from Manila.

As yet, the Army said, it was not possible to determine results of the shelling or to estimate enemy losses. The Government forces suffered no casualties.

The Army said the artillery operations were part of a current drive to force the Huks into a less protected area where infantry groups were waiting for them. Their present hide-out is in thick jungle growth.

Homes evacuated

The Social Welfare Commissioner, Mrs. Asuncion Perez, reported to President Quirino today that more than 500,000 men, women and children have evacuated their countryside homes as a result of fighting between Huks and Philippines' armed forces, adds United Press.

Mrs. Perez, who is directing the operations for relief of refugees, said that 20 provinces and two chartered cities are affected by the military operations. She said in the last two weeks alone Government social workers extended relief to 13,000 evacuee families representing about 66,000 persons.

She said more people might be displaced as operations against the dissidents go into full swing and urged increased relief appropriations.

In addition to the Luzon provinces there are three provinces in the Visayahs where there are refugees—Cebu, Iloilo and Leyte. —Associated Press and United Press.

GOC-in-C leaves for Singapore

Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Mansergh, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, left for Singapore by British Overseas Airways yesterday.

General Mansergh was accompanied by Major M. H. Greig, his military assistant.

He is visiting Far East Headquarters Land Forces, to discuss matters of mutual interest to Hong Kong and Singapore.

General Mansergh is expected to return here on Tuesday.

Seretse gets permission to see Ruth

Lobatsi, April 15.

Seretse Khama, 28-year-old exiled chief-designate of the Bamangwato tribe, today received permission to visit his white wife in the tribal capital of Serowe for five days and on conditions.

Seretse's wife, 25-year-old former London typist, Ruth Williams, is expecting a baby next July. She had sent him a medical certificate that it was "imperative" he should see her at once.

The High Commissioner for Bechuanaland, Sir Evelyn Baring, stated today that the permit covered the period of April 15 to 20. The statement added that Seretse had given the following undertakings in writing.

1. He would inform the District Commissioner in Serowe personally on arrival. 2. He would not himself or through any other agent, do anything calculated to interfere with good government. 3. He would neither hold nor attend any meetings or public gathering while in the Bamangwato reserve.

Permission was granted after days of wrangling over a permit for Seretse to return to the tribal territory despite the British Government's ban.

Britain refused to recognise Seretse as tribal chieftain and he was ordered to stay away from the Bamangwato reserve for five years.—Reuter.

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Ball in aid of SPC to be held

The Society for the Protection of Children will directly benefit from a ball to be staged at the Sky Room Ballroom Luna Park, on April 28, it was announced officially yesterday by the SPC's Women's Auxiliary.

All the proceeds will go to the SPC, which requires more than $8,000 a month to carry on.

Mrs. Martin Hansen, the Committee said, has consented to appear as an artiste on a lavish floor-show now being planned. Tickets for the Ball are now on sale at the lobby of the Hong Kong Hotel. They are priced at $25 each.

The SPC is an association for the sole purpose of giving aid to poor children. Its slogan is "Ever Ready to Help Suffering Children."

The Society operates three relief centres. Each centre is managed by an honorary secretary. One centre, located in Nathan Road, Kowloon, is supervised by Mrs. G. S. P. Haywood. The Western branch, on Hospital Road, is managed by Mrs. R. Johannessen. Another centre, in Happy Valley, 100, Wongneichong Road, is supervised by Mrs. Henry Ching.

The work of each centre consists of assisting destitute mothers and children. Each case is interviewed, and advice on the care of children given. The mothers are taught how to care for their children properly, and are advised on hygiene and correct feeding. Sometimes they are also given food.

Medical supplies such as ointments, purgatives and pills are distributed to needy cases without charge. Clothing donated by the public is also handed out. Children are examined, weighed, bathed, and supplied with milk, cod-liver oil, emulsions and tonics. Very ill children are referred to Government clinics.

The Committee said that this work has been greatly appreciated by the poor in the Colony.

Recreational facilities for HKDF

Plans for organising various entertainments and recreational facilities for the Hong Kong Defence Force, as an incentive to non-members in the Colony, are contemplated.

This was disclosed by Lieutenant-Colonel J. G. Fisher, Senior Staff Officer, who told the "Sunday Herald" yesterday that, though the military quality in general of the Force's present members was high, the number of enlisting recruits has been steadily dropping off.

More men and women are needed in the rank and file of the Force.

Colonel Fisher said that the plans contemplated include the formation of a Family Sports Day, bathing facilities in the New Territories and a social canteen for both sexes.

Meanwhile, in this connection, the Volunteer Centre Canteen Committee has recently issued questionnaires to members of the Force with the aim of turning the Volunteer Centre Canteen, Queen's Road Central, into a more pleasant place for members and their friends.

TALBOT HOUSE CONCERT

A concert of recorded classical music will be presented at Talbot House (Toc H), 50, Macdonnell Road, at 8.30 p.m. today.

The programme will include Russian Easter Festival Overture (Rimsky-Korsakov), Invitation to the Waltz (Weber), Tales of the Vienna Woods (Strauss), Ballet Suite, "Mam'zelle Angot" (Lecocq), Concerto for Organ, No. 4 (Handel), and Symphony No. 7 in A major, Op. 92 (Beethoven).

Wedding at Registry

Mr. Kenneth Horace Lo, a nephew of Sir Man-kam Lo, photographed with his bride, the former Miss Merna Pearl Wu, after their marriage at the Supreme Court Registrar's Office yesterday. Witnesses were Mrs. E. Wu and Mr. Y. P. Lo. ("China Mail" photo).

Chinese refugees hit by HK depression

The worst affected by the current financial depression in Hong Kong are former rich Chinese immigrants who fled here from the China mainland during the past two years.

With large families and entourages to support, many have reached the bottom of their financial resources and are now trying to reduce their family expenses to the barest minimum.

A number, new to the Colony, have lost heavily in business undertakings in competition with the more experienced local merchants.

Others who have had no business experience have either been cheated by unscrupulous promoters or are burdened with stocks which they cannot sell.

Most unfortunate are those who came here with their total savings, paid considerable "key money" for luxurious apartment houses with high monthly rentals, and waited for the good times to return.

They are the immigrants who are, now trying to re-sell their homes to move into cheaper accommodation.

Sell furniture

A number have already disposed of their valuable furniture to keep the wolf from the door.

Others who bought property have sold their houses to move into flats.

Borrowing from more fortunate relatives or friends is no longer possible.

A number of the wiser immigrants, however, who foresaw no immediate improvement in conditions, leased land from private owners and built their own wooden-brick bungalows.

They are living in the Diamond Hill district and in the New Territories; some engaged in the rearing of ducks and poultry.

More troops leaving for Malaya

An estimated 1,000 troops of the local garrison will leave Hong Kong for Singapore early next week—stated for combat duty in Malaya's anti-bandit campaign.

The troops, which include part of the 2/6 Gurkha Rifles, the 2/10 Rifles, and the 1st Battalion of the Cameronians, will relieve their parent division in the Malayan campaign.

An army spokesman said that the troops constitute a permanent reduction of the Hong Kong garrison.

Earlier this month, about 1,000 Gurkhas left Hong Kong for Malaya.

More than 250 troop replacements arrived in Hong Kong yesterday on board the troopship, ss. Orbita.

They included Army, Royal Air Force and Navy men.

The Gurkha and Cameronians will leave Hong Kong on board the Orbita.

Mrs. Theodore Choy has been invited by the Religious Committee of the Hong Kong YMCA to commence a series of six lectures to be given every Wednesday at 3 p.m.

The general topic is "Child Study," and the subject of the first lecture on Wednesday will be Jesus' methods of teaching as compared with today's newer methods.

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FIVE THOUSAND CHINESE SEAMEN "ON THE BEACH"

More than 5,000 Chinese seamen, who have been thrown out jobs aboard ships laid up in Hong Kong as a result of the Nationalist blockade, are today seeking out a living doing odd jobs in local shipyards, restaurants and workshops.

This figure, according to the Chinese Seamen's Union, represents only 30 per cent of the total estimated number of unemployed seamen members of the CSU.

Most of them have been repatriated to North China and Taiwan. Less than 5,000, however, are still seeking work in the Colony.

The CSU Hong Kong Office has on record 22,000 members. Out of this total, more than 15,000 are reported to be out of a job. More than 5,000 members are still paying "fees" because they have found jobs ashore. The 7,000 employed members are still sailing, and are paying normal subscriptions to the Union.

The plight of the Chinese seamen—veterans of the China Seas—is a direct result of the Nationalist blockade of Communist ports. Since the enforcement of the cordon, many Chinese-flagged ships have been laid up. More than 100 Chinese vessels were put out of service. About 40 per cent have changed to Panamanian registry to resume operations—running the blockade under foreign protection.

Most of the Northern Chinese seamen who were thrown out of employment have been sent back to their native villages in the North. Cantonese seamen have returned to Kwantung. A number, however, are still in the Colony, engaged in itinerant hawking, selling food or fruits.

Local restaurants have absorbed quite a number of the Stewards Department personnel. Most seamen are serving as waiters in waterfront restaurants. Many are also engaged in the cuisine business.

Pay poor

Payment is generally small. A seaman waiter, it is understood, receives two meals and a paltry sum for pocket money. "But they are lucky to get work, food and shelter," a CSU official said.

The more brawny seamen usually obtain a few dollars here and there working as wharf coolies or odd job labourers. Many are working with stevedoring companies.

Personnel of the Engine Room who possess higher technical skill have found their way into workshops along the Shamshuipo waterfront. A number are in local shipyards.

Now and then, a group of unemployed seamen members of the CSU leaves the Colony after saving enough to return to their home town. The CSU Office in Hill Road, West Point, has on numerous occasions provided shelter for these repatriates.

An average of 20 seamen, waiting passage to go North, seek accommodation at the CSU Office every night. However, no food or cash is distributed.

The majority of the CSU members, who are still sailing today are working aboard B. and S. and Jardine's vessels.

Hong Kong Stage Club to present "Gaslight"

The Hong Kong Stage Club will present "Gaslight", by Patrick Hamilton, as its final production this season.

In the enclosed life of an unfashionable quarter of mid-Victorian London, an old lady is found dead in the living room of her own house.

Twenty years later, in this same house a young married woman, Mrs. Manningham, lives out a life of sickness through constant fear of impending madness.

Her cloistered life, within these dingy rooms suffocating with the drab hangings of the tasteless eighties, is shared by a husband stern and unsympathetic in the arrogant tradition of 19th century England.

For her forgetfulness he degrades her before the servants, and an evening full of joy at the prospect of a visit to the theatre is turned instead to one of hysteria and tears.

But when a stranger arrives and questions her, the story of the murdered woman unfolds, and with it comes enlightenment and the gradual recovery of Mrs. Manningham to a normal state of mind.

That is the beginning of an intense drama you will see at the China Fleet Club on April 20, 21 and 22. It is the very plausible history of a crime which is prolonged for predatory reasons for more than 20 years.

The play is produced by Margaret Wilden-Hart who produced "Hands Across the Sea" in Noel Coward's "Tonight at 8.30." Her cast includes Yvonne Charter as Mrs. Manningham, Reinaldo Ophias as her husband, Dick Holmes as the Detective, Rough, and two newcomers to the Stage Club, Valerie Judah and Elspeth Porteous as the maid and cook, respectively.

Tickets may be bought from Moutrie's in Chater Road or directly from the box office on the night of each performance.

A ferry will run as usual for the benefit of those who live on Kowloon side. It will leave from the Police Pier, go directly to the Praya opposite the theatre, and will return after the show.

Obituary

Mr. A. A. Abbas

Mr. A. A. (Timothy) Abbas, a well known resident of Hong Kong, died peacefully at his residence, 29, Village Road, yesterday morning at the age of 62 after a long illness.

The late Mr. Abbas who was on the staff of the Hong Kong Electric Company for more than 20 years retired three years ago.

Educated at Queen's College, he was a keen sportsman and in his younger days played a good game of football and cricket.

Nicknamed 'Joker' by his many friends, who will, no doubt be shocked by his death, he was a popular member of both the Portuguese and Indian communities.

Leaving behind to mourn his death are his widow, two brothers and two sisters, his three daughters (Miss Minnie Abbas, Mrs. C. Benyon who is at present in England and Mrs. R. L. Rocha) and two grandchildren.

The funeral will take place today at the Roman Catholic cemetery, the cortege passing the monument at 5.15 p.m.

Funeral

Mr. C. A. Remedios

The funeral of Mr. Carlos Augusto Remedios, who died here on Friday at the age of 65 after a long illness, took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday.

The Reverend Father R. S. Brookes officiated.

The deceased, who was formerly of the Hong Kong Electric Company before the war, was a widower. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. H. Bond, Miss Remedios and Mrs. Gutierrez; the latter is at present in Australia.

Two of the deceased's daughters were present as chief mourners.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. M. Rodrigues and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. Vas and family Messrs. Robert Vas, E. Alves, A. Rodrigues, N. Botelho, L. A. Sequeira, H. Bond, Misses M. and L. Barradas and many others.

Wreaths were sent from Betty, George and Freddy to Dear Daddy, from Marie Therese, Blanche and Frank, and from R. H. Haig.

BAND CONCERT

A concert by the band of the Royal Leicestershire Regiment will be given at the New Botanical Gardens from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. today. The conductor will be Bandmaster J. Purcell, ARCM.

The programme will included:

March, Silver Trumpets (Viviani); Overture, The Impresario (Mozart); Waltz, Espana (Waldteufel); Selection, Iolanthe (Sullivan); Selection, King's Rhapsody (Novello); Suite, The Three Elizabeths (Coates); (a), Idyll-Blumengeflusper (Von Blon); (b), March-Montmartre from the Paris-Suite (Hadyn Wood); Selection, Big Ben (Ellis); and Regimental Marches, The Regimental Marches of The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

Personalia

Miss Tung Kwai-sim, Messrs. G. W. Hanlon, R. W. Pearce and S. V. Godden arrived here yesterday from Singapore by CPA.

Miss A. C. Thompson, Messrs. Youssef A. Baladi, Ngo Lee-ngiong and W. D. Barker left for Bangkok yesterday by CPA.

Mr. B. Herschend left Hong Kong for Singapore yesterday by the ss. Yochow.

Departures for Tokyo by BOAC yesterday included Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Ma, Mrs. Lai Tat-shing, Miss O. Wang, Mr. and Mrs. K. T. Huang, Mrs. C. G. Bromback, Messrs. T. Lamert, T. Tanaka, J. T. Porritt, F. W. Wolf, H. M. Christiansen, D. Klein, B. Carder, R. H. Hunt, A. W. Jenkinson, W. Dale-Cook, F. G. E. Marden and N. C. Begley.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. D. A. Lamont, Major J. Colbourne, Major J. Richards, Lieutenant W. A. C. Rogers, Major H. M. Greig, Messrs. E. M. Moffatt, M. Gourlay, W. M. Clayde, W. C. Watson, M. Stewart, G. T. Anderson, S. Johnson and G. C. Rolston left for Singapore yesterday by BOAC.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Friday included Mrs. V. Huwer, Mr. and Mrs. W. Elphinstone, Mr. and Mrs. J. Zylstra, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Braude, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mehr, Dr. and Mrs. J. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Brown, Messrs. T. Wing, W. Sisseck, W. G. C. Butcher, J. H. Bennett, L. Davie, E. J. Wallis, B. R. Derrick, B. Otterstrom, P. Pata Lano, A. G. Pearce, E. Hausmann and Captain D. C. Reece.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday were Miss E. A. Bascom, Miss G. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bassab, Messrs. W. A. Gallagher, E. C. Soper, F. C. Woodrough, J. T. Porritt, F. W. Wolf, D. Klein, E. Adamson and Lieutenant-Colonel C. Poston.

Mr. C.A.F. Dundas, representative of the British Council, on his way of Peking, will address the Y's Men's Club at the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel, on Thursday. His subject will be "The Arab World Today."

The Korean Trade Surveying Group arrived from Korea via Taipeh by Civil Air Transport yesterday evening.

The Koreans are here to study prospects of conducting trade between the Colony and Korea.

MISS CHRISTIAN ENTERTAINED AT CHINESE DINNER

Miss Linda Christian was entertained at a Chinese dinner by Dr. and Mrs. Ernest To at their home, Villa Magnolia, last night.

Also present was Mr. W. Gallagher of 20th Century Fox.

Miss Christian, who is the wife of the film star, Mr. Tyrone Power, is on a ten-day visit to Hong Kong.

KOWLOON TONG DINNER DANCE

The Kowloon Tong Garden City Association held a dinner-dance yesterday for members and their friends.

The affair was well attended and there were more than 150 people present.

The affair lasted from 8 p.m. to well after midnight.

In charge of entertainment was Mr. Eugene Penn, chairman of the entertainment committee.

Mr. Penn was host to a party of over 50 people.

The Kowloon Tong Garden City Association is composed of Kowloon Tong home owners.

RE-UNION DINNER

The Queen's College Old Boy's Association will hold its 16th annual re-union dinner on Saturday at 7.30 p.m. in the Hall of Queen's College, Kennedy Road.

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A "crushing millstone"

China Provident chairman on requisitioned property

Major S. M. Churn, Chairman, referred at the annual meeting of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd. yesterday to what he termed the serious setback to North Point Wharves Ltd. in the requisition of half their property by Government for the military.

Major Churn said they could not hope for any income from their $2,000,000 investment until this "crushing millstone" was removed from the neck of the company.

Major Churn, who reported a profit for the year of $1,149,883.91, said:

The net profit for the year 1949 was nearly $1,150,000; the previous year's results showed a slightly higher return. Our gross revenue was approximately the same as in the preceding year, but the cost of operation increased by 20 per cent attributable to salaries and wages, maintenance, and rates and depreciation. However, our transhipment, lighterage and truck departments showed increased returns, bringing the gross profit on operation within $1,000 of the 1948 figure.

"Our clientele continues to grow, and our merchant clients have increased during the year.

"The continued rise in the cost of living and general operation, coupled with the increase in rates and the imposition of Corporation Profits Tax since our storage rates were fixed in 1945, must lead to an upward revision of the local tariff.

"We have continued the appropriation to our claims reserve, and I have again, for the fourth year in succession, pleasure in advising that no claims for losses in the godowns have been made. This is a very fine record for the Company and its staff, and must be very satisfactory to our clients.

"Your board recommend to this meeting that the usual dividend of 75 cents be maintained, and that the bonus be increased from 65 cents to 75 cents this year, this distribution to be made free of tax.

"We propose to carry forward to 1950 $656,000, as compared with $555,000 brought into account from 1948.

"The question of depreciation has had further consideration by your Directors during the year, and after consultation with our auditors, it has been decided to restate the value of the company's land holdings. This matter is fully explained in my circular letter to the shareholders dated March 30, 1950, and the restatement has been incorporated in the balance sheet.

"Under the heading of vessels and machinery is an increase of $950,000. During 1949 we commissioned 11 new steel lighters built for us by Taikoo Dockyard. These new lighters, together with the existing craft and the tug, "China Provident II" purchased in 1948, make a valuable addition to the facilities of the port, and although only in service for six months, the fleet has proved a profitable addition to our business. We have additional lighters and a new launch in this year's programme.

North Point wharves

"The godown machinery ordered in 1947 and 1948 arrived during 1949 and has been installed in our godowns. These cranes, elevators and chutes have proved their value, particularly in expediting the receipt and delivery of cargo, and the turn-round of lighters.

"Due to the unstable political situation in China, the price level of the local share market has dropped, and this is reflected in the balance sheet by the depreciation of our investments by more than three lakhs. Provision to cover this depreciation has been made by the transfer of two lakhs from premium on shares.

"During the year under review, our associate company, North Point Wharves, Ltd. received a serious set-back when one half of their newly-developed property was requisitioned by Government for military purposes. We cannot hope for any income from our $2,000,000 investment until this crushing millstone is removed from the neck of this promising young Company.

"In July, 1948, the building authority served a notice that our Aberdeen tenement property was in a dangerous condition, and we obtained a closure order.

"The tenants appealed to the Court and this order was quashed in July, 1949. In its judgment the Court observed that there was virtually no way of dealing with structurally defective premises except by application under Section 32 to have such premises excluded from the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance. We therefore filed an application for exclusion, but so far there has been no hearing of this case.

"In October last Government amended the law to permit the demolition of structurally defective premises, provided the Building Authority issued a certificate that demolition was necessary. We immediately filed an application for the necessary certificate, and, at the suggestion of our architects, we asked Mr. C. W. Grey, to make an independent inspection and report. Mr. Grey's opinion confirms our architects' view that the only possible course is to demolish the block.

Catastrophe feared

"The position today is, therefore, that due to subsidence of the foundations, the buildings are in a dangerous condition; that in our architects opinion no repairs are possible without demolition, which is impossible until the tenants vacate. We can therefore only wait until one or the other of our applications is granted, and I hope that some solution can be found before a catastrophe befalls the hundreds of people in this tenement block, who, in spite of the evidence of their own eyes and our repeated warnings, continue in their refusal to vacate the premises.

"Loans receivable are secured and in good order.

"During 1949 your Board considered the position of our outstanding 1941 accounts receivable. Many of the debtors have not been traced in the post-war period, and in view of our incomplete records and the adverse effect that legal action would have, when the cargo had been stolen by the Japanese, your Board considered it in the Company's best interests to write off the $90,206 in question against the appropriate reserve. This finalises our 1941 affairs, except for one account of $7,321.54 which we hope to collect.

"Employees' provident funds now stand at $176,679.66 and are vested in Trustees."

"I propose that the Directors' Report, Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended December 31 1949, as presented, be adopted, and that the balance available at Profit and Loss Appropriation Account be dealt with as recommended by the Directors, i.e.,

To pay a Dividend of 75 cents per share, free of tax	$ 406,659.75
To pay a Bonus of 75 cents per share, free of tax	406,659.75
To pay the Annual Bonus to the Staff, at the discretion of the Directors	125,000.00
and to carry forward to 1950:	656,831.96
Total	$1,595,151.46

Seconding the motion, Sir Cyril Young said the excellent results attained in a year of difficulties were gratifying.

Regarding the Aberdeen property, he urged that pressure should be kept up with the proper authorities. The precarious conditions under which people were living in the delapidated premises was a matter of concern.

Government's requisition of the North Point wharves was lamentable, especially during a year when storage accommodation was taxed to the extent that imports from Britain and elsewhere have had to be restricted because of shortage of storage space.

The motion was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The two retiring Directors, Major Churn and Sir Robert Ho Tung, were re-elected to the Board; and Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company re-appointed auditors for the ensuing year.

Supporting the chairman were Sir Robert Ho Tung and Messrs. N. V. A. Croucher, D. H. Blake, R. Johannesen and Li Tse-fong (Directors) and Mr. R. A. Wickerson (Managing Director).

Shareholders present were Sir Cyril R. M. Young and Messrs. A. Gillard, E. G. Smith, R. Firkins, G. A. V. Hall, Lam Shu-chuen, Lam King-tak and E. M. da Rocha.

Reminders

Today

Toc H Classical Concert, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
HK Art Club, sketching party to Shaukiwan, members to meet at Queen's Pier, 10.30 a.m.
European YMCA Armchair Group meeting, talk on "Public School Education" by Mr. Logan and Mr. Steinberg, 8.45 p.m.
Vocal Recital by Professor Jan Hu, Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
Indonesian Luncheon Party, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 11 a.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.
Polo and Hunt Club, meet at Hunt Club stables, 11.30 a.m.

Coming events

TOMORROW

Crown Land Auction Sale, PWD, office, 3 p.m.
European YMCA, Whist Drive, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

HK Rotary Club, closed meeting, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
European YMCA, Bridge Drive, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Toc H meeting, 50 Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Dance, 8 p.m.
Women's Section, European YMCA, Whist Drive, 10, a.m.

THURSDAY

Kowloon Rotary luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Y's Men's Club, luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
IFC International Women's Club, Whist Drive for Services, 7.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Service Club, HK Band Call, 8 p.m.

Chinese firm seeks release of launches

Representatives of the Tung Sheung Steam Launch Company returned here yesterday from Lingting Island reporting that negotiations for the release of the company's steam launch and two lighters are still under way.

The craft were detained en route from Macao to the Colony last week-end together with a cargo of firewood believed to be worth some HK$60,000.

The officials expect the vessels to be released in the near future, adding that the discussions have been going on under favourable conditions.

The launch and lighters were intercepted by a Nationalist gunboat near Lantao Island and escorted to Lingting Island, where it was reported that the Nationalist are mopping up self-styled guerillas on the Island.

The crew of 30 were detained. Two, however, were sent to Hong Kong, where the incident was reported to the Owners.

The two representatives were sent early last week to negotiate for the release of the craft and personnel.

MONEY MARKET

US dollars opened yesterday at HK$6.15, went up to $6.15½, and closed at $6.14.

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Sterling was unchanged at HK$15.40.

Australian pounds went up five cents to HK$12.55.

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Mr. and Mrs. Pier de Jong taken after their wedding at St. Theresa's Church yesterday. The bride was formerly Miss Yvonne Blackmore. ("China Mail" photo).

Sino-British Orchestra to present Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3

Miss Blanca Hedi Renner, a brilliant pianist, will be the soloist at a performance by the Sino-British Orchestra of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3 next month.

The Concerto will be one item in a programme to be presented on May 4 and 5 at 8.30 p.m. at the Diocesan Boys' School and St. Stephens' Girls' College, Lyttleton Road, respectively.

The concerts are the fourth in the 1949/50 Subscription Series, and an ambitious programme has been prepared.

The music that will be presented will include Pianoforte Concerto No. 3 (Beethoven), Symphony No. 40 (Mozart), "Magic Flute" Overture (Mozart) and "St. Paul's Suite for Strings (Holst).

Beethoven himself claimed that his Third Piano Concerto was an advance on his two earlier compositions of the same nature and he considered that he had reached a new high level.

It was withheld from publication for some years in order that he might reserve to himself personally the right to play it. With its emotional range, rich tone and commanding gestures, it makes a severe call on all concerned, particularly the soloist, who on this occasion will be Miss Blanca Hedi Renner.

A newcomer to the programmes of the Sino-British Orchestra, Miss Renner was trained at the Academy of Music in Munich where she studied under Professor Pembaur, who in turn was a student of Professor Reisenaur, one of the most famous pupils of the great pianist Liszt.

She is therefore, musically, in direct line of descent from that great master. She has performed in Munich and Stuttgart among other places and, in particular, has played in the famous Salzburg Festival, where she obtained a First Prize in a competition open to the whole of Europe.

The programme which won her this prize included a performance of the Concerto which she is to play with the Sino-British Orchestra.

Brilliant pianist

Miss Renner is already well known in Hong Kong as a brilliant pianist and the Sino-British Orchestra is indeed fortunate in having obtained her services for this occasion.

In the few weeks between June 20 and August 10, 1788, Mozart finished no fewer than three great Symphonies, those in E flat, G minor and C (the "Jupiter").

Although of these the "Jupiter" is possibly the best known by the general public the critics have generally reserved their greatest praise for that in G Minor, which has called forth the greatest number of commentaries, and which is that selected for performance at this Concert.

On its publication, and through the early years of the 19th Century, it was hailed as one of the most emotional and telling symphonies yet composed.

The romantics later in the 19th Century were inclined to disparage it because it did not conform to their ideas of what constituted the best in music, but modern opinion confirms the earlier view.

The second husband of Mozart's widow described this symphony as exhibiting "in its four movements the expression of a restless and uneasy passion, a struggle, a contest with a forcefully penetrating agitation," whilst another writer does not hesitate to claim that symphony is "the discovery of a new world of music."

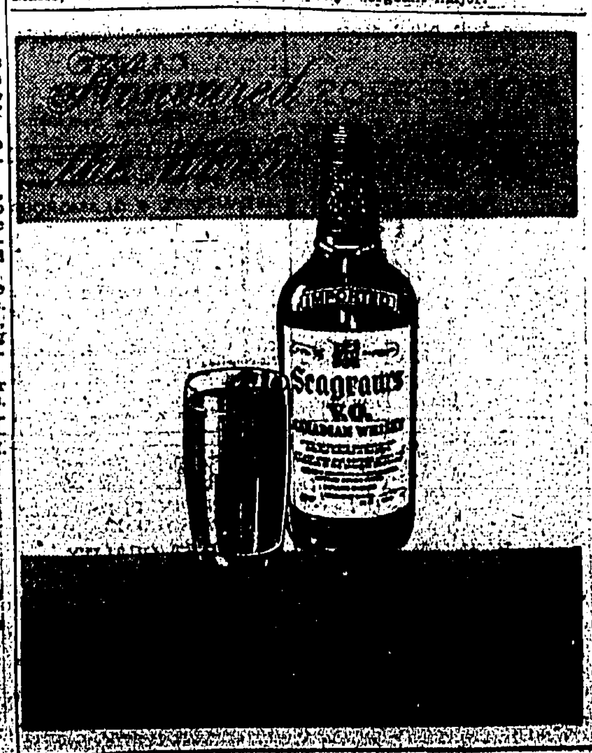
The "St. Paul's" Suite for Strings, which takes its name from having been dedicated to the St. Paul's Girls' School in London, is based on old English melodies. Nevertheless the treatment is modern, although not the advanced modernism of Honegger, Stravinsky or even Prokofieff.

As before, tickets are priced at $5, $3, $2, and $1, and will shortly be on sale at Messrs. Moutrie's & Co., Ltd. Chater Road, Hong Kong, where reservations may be made.

"Lady Godiva" in Whitfield Barracks

Stated to have been found naked inside the Whitfield Barracks grounds, Nathan Road, early yesterday morning, a woman, So Szefan, aged 32 was fined $50 by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday on a trespassing charge.

Inspector J. Orem told the Court that at 1.25 a.m. yesterday defendant, in the nude, was seen climbing out of a window of the barracks quarters with her clothing being thrown out after her. The Inspector added that had she not been found in this state the charge would not have been preferred against her as she was invited into the Barracks by a company sergeant-major.



Wedding

de Jong—Blackmore

Miss Yvonne Blackmore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Blackmore of 120 Waterloo Road, Kowloon, became the bride of Pier Hendrik de Jong, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Wybrand de Jong, of Amsterdam, at St. Theresa's Church yesterday.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore white lace and georgette over taffeta, bodice of ruched Georgette, sleeves and yoke of lace, a train three yards long of lace over taffeta with scalloped edge and a circular three-quarter length veil with a halo of lace trimmed with orange blossom.

She carried her maternal grandmother's wedding prayer book of ivory with a spray of white orchid.

Miss Patricia Loseby and Miss Sylvia Franklin acted as bridesmaids. They wore dresses of tulle over taffeta and heart-shaped hats and carried matching muffs instead of a bouquet. Miss Loseby was in lilac, and Miss Franklin in marigold.

Duties of bestman were discharged by Mr. Christian Von Sydow.

The honeymoon is to be spent in Japan.

The bride's going-away dress is a two-piece suit of green and black silk with black accessories.

The bridegroom's mother flew here from Holland for the wedding. She wore a green silk dress, with hat trimmed with flowers.

The bride's mother wore a dress of cinnamon satin with brown accessories. All the gowns were from Tamara May.

The reception was held at the Peninsula Hotel, where Mr. V. C. Labrum proposed a toast to the couple.

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

Richard Smith Bowers, CNAC pilot, of 89 Fong Mei Street, top floor, and Miss Alice Lie, student, have announced their forthcoming wedding.

ROTARY BALL

Miss Irene Smirnoff modelled the Linen Chest creation "La Source" at the Rotary Ball on Friday. It was inadvertently reported that Miss Doreen Walker had done this. The misunderstanding arose from a last-minute change in the programme.

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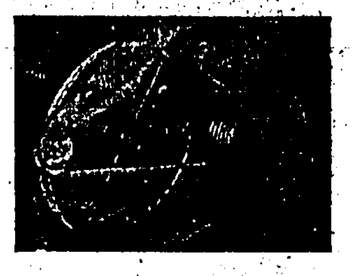

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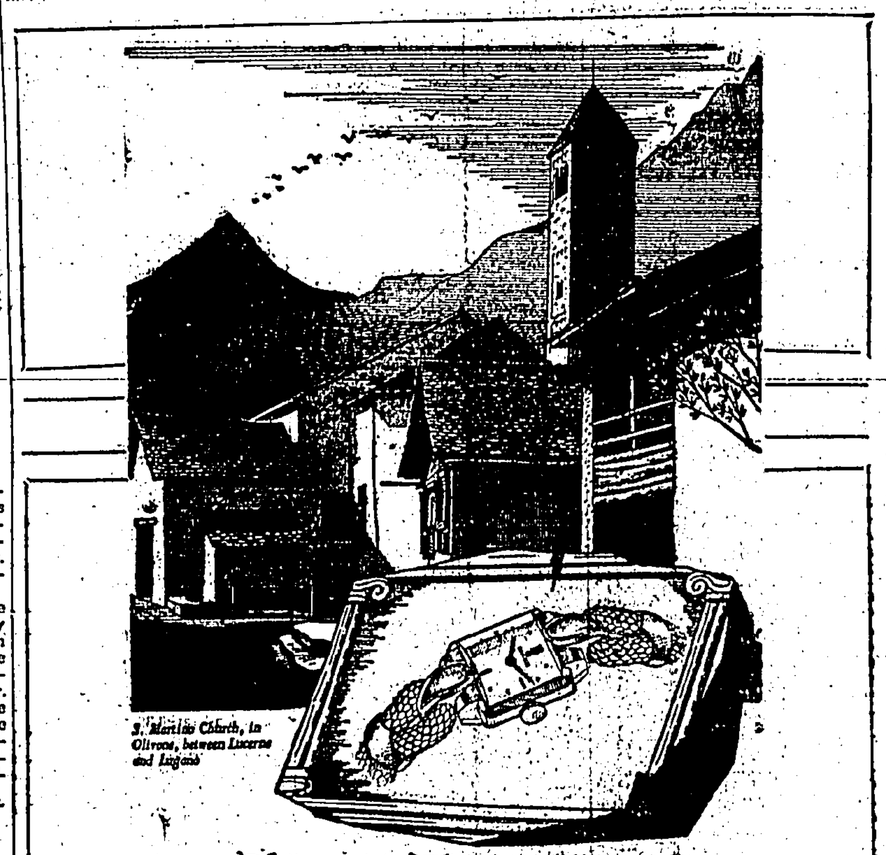

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at No. 27, Chung Shan Road, E.1., Shanghai, on Monday, 22nd May, 1950 at 4 p.m., for the following purposes:—

To receive and consider the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1949, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

Proxies in order to be valid must be deposited not less than forty-eight hours before the time for holding the Meeting.

The Transfer Books and Share Register will be closed from 2nd May, 1950 to 22nd May, 1950, both days inclusive.

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Notice is hereby given that the forty-first Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 3rd floor, Hongkong Bank Building, on Tuesday, the 9th May 1950, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1949.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 25th April to 9th May 1950, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong Schools music festival ends

The two-day music festival of the Hong Kong Schools Music Association ended with final performances in choir singing and elocution given in the hall of Diocesan Girls' School yesterday.

St. Paul's College dominated in the choir singing competitions. The school's choral groups took first places in both girls' and boys' sections. The mixed choir of St. Paul's, competing alone in that section, drew appreciative applause with its renditions.

The highest mark gained in the two-day festival was 94. This was awarded to Gallon Lee and Cheuk Yiu-kan (Wanchai Government School) for their harmonica duet piece in the Ensemble category. Their rendition of the "Hallelujah Chorus" in Handel's Messiah was particularly meritorious.

Some good recitations were heard also in the Elocution competitions. In the senior section, Mary Ho-tung (Sacred Heart School) was awarded first place with 78 marks for her recitation of "The Listeners" (Walter de la Mare). Toni Ho-tung was second with Beatrice Baptista, each gaining 76 marks.

The full results of the two-day festival were:

Piano Solos (Advanced).—Isolde Ah Wee (DGS).

Piano Solos (Elementary).—Ho Cheung-po (St. Joseph's).

Solo Songs (Soprano) Junior.—Lily Lowe (St. Francis).

Solo Songs (Soprano) Senior.—Florence Pong (Ying Wah).

Solo Songs (Treble).—Ho Chung-po of St. Joseph's (only contestant gaining 66 marks out of 100).

Solo Songs (Tenor).—Yip Chi-yau of Yaumati Government School.

Dancing (Folk).—Hilary Hale and team (KGV).

Dancing (Ballet).—Flora Sung and team (DGS).

Violin Solos (Intermediate).—Chiu Hin-yu (St. Paul's).

Violin Solo (Advanced).—Andrew Martinson (American Mission).

Cello Solos.—Fritz Lin (DBS).

Other Instruments. — George Lin, clarinet (DBS).

Ensemble—(1) Trio for violin, violoncello and piano. — Peter Pan, Fritz Lin and Alec Pan (DBS); (2) YMTS harmonica group. — Yaumati Government School; (3) Harmonica Duet.—Wanchai Government School.

Piano Duets.—Elisa Chan and Cecilia Chan (Sacred Heart School).

Piano Solos (Intermediate).—Lee Chung-lung (St. Paul's).

Choir Singing (Junior).—St. Stephen's Girls' School.

Choir Singing (Senior).—St. St. Paul's College (Girls).

Choir Singing (Junior boys).—St. Joseph's College.

Choir Singing (senior boys).—St. Paul's College.

Mixed Choir.—St. Paul's College.

Elocution (Junior).—1. Maria Britto (Sacred Heart); 2. Corazon Manalac and Lily Lowe (All recited "The Fairies" by Francis Allington).

Elocution (Senior).—1. Mary Ho-tung (Sacred Heart); 2. Toni Ho-tung (Sacred Heart) (All recited "The Listeners" by Walter de la Mare).

Danish ship to evacuate S'hai refugees

The Danish steamer Heinrich Jessen left port yesterday for Tientsin to evacuate another group of Shanghai refugees who are now making the overland journey to North China by rail.

The vessel is due to return here by April 29, according to certain informants aboard the Heinrich Jessen.

The refugees are being evacuated under the auspices of the International Refugee Organisation.

Meanwhile, the British steamer Choy Sang (Jardine Matheson) is expected to return here on April 21. Earlier reports said that she would receive refugees at Tientsin. Most of the evacuees were from Shanghai and they had made the trip by rail to Tientsin.

The Choy Sang was to return earlier. Loading of cargo was said to have delayed her departure from North China.

The British steamer Anking which was earlier under consideration to make a mercy trip to the Yangtse, left yesterday for Kobe.

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British poet to lecture in Colony

Mr. Edmund Blunden, one of England's (best known contemporary poets, is in Hong Kong for a few days. He will lecture at the British Council Library on Tuesday and will read poems by Keats, Coleridge, Shelley, Wordsworth and others and comment on them.

This is a rare opportunity for Hong Kong. Mr. Blunden has lectured here before. In 1948 he addressed audiences at Government House. As a poet he has given many examples of his sensitive imagination contained in words which are not difficult to comprehend.

As a critic, he has become an interpreter of the highest standing of men like Shelley, Leigh Hunt and Henry Vaughan.

Mr. Blunden has had much experience in the Far East. He war Professor of English Literature: Tokyo University from 1924, to 1927. He returned there in 1948 and is now on his way back to England.

The lecture will be given in the British Council Library, 1st floor, Gloucester Building at 5.30 p.m.

Musical revue to raise anti-TB funds

The "Victoria Revels" concert party will shortly be staging a musical revue in aid of funds for Hong Kong's Anti-tuberculosis scheme.

The show, produced by Fredrica Craddock, includes mostly members of the Victoria Garrison. Excerpts from songs and scenes of the lovely Indian Love Lyrics will the included in the programme.

Ably supported by the orchestra of HMS Jamaica, under the direction of Bandmaster J. E. White, RM., the revue will revive much of the gay and colourful melodies of well-known musical scores.

Solo items and a chorus of 14 "Lovelies" complete the cast of what promises to be a grand evening's entertainment.

The revue will be shown on April 25 at the China Fleet Club Theatre, and again on May 5 at the YMCA at Kowloon.

Rediffusion to broadcast "Blithe Spirit"

Noel Coward's perenially popular story of domestic confusion resulting from the reappearance of a dead wife in spirit form, "Blithe Spirit," will be re-enacted over Rediffusion today at 9.30 p.m. in the programme "London Playhouse."

This fantastic story was made into a moving picture by the Two Cities Film Corporation starring Rex Harrison as Charles, Kay Hammond as Elvira, Margaret Rutherford as Alcati, the Medium, and Constance Cummings as Ruth.

In Rediffusion's presentation of "Blithe Spirit" the same stars appear in the roles they took in the film.

WAR MEMORIAL FUND

Public subscriptions to the Hong Kong War Memorial Fund received between March 24 and April 13 were:

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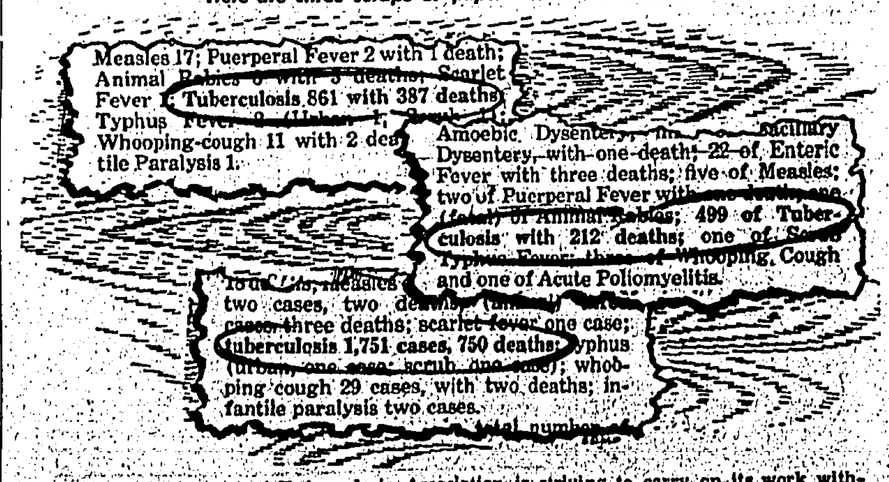

The Hongkong Anti-Tuberculosis Association is striving to carry on its work without interruption, and has already brought relief and hope to many homes. The extent of the activities of the Association can only be measured by the degree of generous and sympathetic support from all races; all creeds; and all conditions of the people of this Colony. No contribution is too small. No contribution can be too large. They will be received by The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation; The Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd.; The South China Morning Post; The China Mail; The Wah Kiu Yat Po. Cheques should be crossed—"Hongkong Anti-Tuberculosis Association."

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In this weekly series of articles, one of the world's foremost experts in predicting the future gives his opinions on what you personally can expect in the weeks and months to come.

Look for your birth period below and find the general indications for the week. Note that these observations are made according to the Zodiacal Signs and do not exactly coincide with the Calendar Month. For example, January covers December 21-January 19.

JANUARY
(December 21—January 19)
Likely to be more a week of social activities than hard work. Not until the last few days are you likely to settle down to serious effort and thinking. Meanwhile, try to make the most of contacts on Tuesday and of social opportunities mid-week.

FEBRUARY
(January 20—February 18)
Change-over in domestic routine probable in next few days or alternatively you negotiate for new premises. A week of altercation and ups and downs, but you should reach a satisfactory arrangement by Saturday. Financially good portents throughout week.

MARCH
(February 19—March 20)
Looks as though you regain self-confidence, and accomplish something through use of charm and personality, in next few days. Journeys may be necessary about mid-week. Propitious period for new contracts and publicity of any kind.

APRIL
(March 21—April 20)
Financial problems could be sorted out if you give time and attention to them this week. Wednesday appears to be the critical day for most undertakings. A new arrival in the household has considerable influence on your latest plans.

MAY
(April 21—May 20)
Looks as though you will be writing a good many letters and probably signing an important document before the end of the week. Few financial worries though you are not likely to make sensational gains. From the social angle a week of great possibilities.

JUNE.
(May 21—June 20)
Make the most of what invitations and opportunities you get in next few days. Social life all-important this week. Underlying worry about family affairs or old friend subsides for a time.

JULY
(June 21—July 20)
Acquaintances made this week prove more important than you anticipated. You hear news that causes you to alter your opinion on more than one subject. Much letter-writing, but be careful not to repeat gossip.

AUGUST
(July 21—August 21)
A week of unusual business activity. Some new schemes get under way rapidly. Financial anxiety still probable but outlook generally should be improving. Likelihood of help through marriage partner or family.

SEPTEMBER
(August 22—September 22)
An important week for legal business and for dealings with foreigners. Tuesday and Wednesday may bring an opportunity for which you have been waiting for many weeks. If married, partner on verge of successful venture.

OCTOBER
(September 23—October 23)
If planning changes, allow for family prejudice and opposition. Need for downright tactics if you want to get your own way before end of week. Travelling plans get a stage nearer completion.

NOVEMBER
(October 24—November 22)
Link-ups made this week are likely to be enduring. If planning a journey abroad, final arrangements may be completed more quickly than expected. Surprise news through the post on Saturday.

DECEMBER
(November 23—December 20).
Business worries fade into the background for the time being and you should accomplish a good deal through normal routine. If contemplating a change of job, good news and at least one interesting offer mid-week.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16: FOR MOST OF US: A pleasant Sabbath provided you don't get involved in unnecessary argument. Respect other pepole's prejudices, religious observances. Avoid tete-a-tetes. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Pastel shades, 6, Turquoise.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Your best policy during the coming year would be to work on as methodical lines as possible. Unless you give careful thought to what you are doing and where you are heading, you will end the year in muddle. Above all, don't get into financial tangles in 1950—51.

Be content to work steadily and if possible save a little. The chances are you may be led astray by ambition and borrow money unnecessarily. It would be foolish to commit yourself in this way or to aim too high this year.

Though you may get an opportunity to travel, you would be wise to stay near home, at any rate until early 1951. Avoid sea travel as much as possible and, if you must be on the move, take pains to safeguard health.

About August you may get an opportunity to interest an influential person in your affairs. But don't take advantage of the contact right away: you will gain more in he end if you are patient for a few months. The probability is that the person concerned will be an older woman.

Mischief-makers will be your chief enemies in 1950/51, and you will be wise to stick to the friends you know. Family affairs should progress smoothly, but there may be a good deal of anxiety about money. Better not make marriage plans or, if already settled, encourage your partner to embark on risky schemes.

MONDAY, APRIL 17: FOR MOST OF US: Today's New Moon brings new hope. Afternoon hours are excellent for business. A good day, too, for official dealings and for formal social affairs. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Bright yellow, 1, Diamond.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: This promises to be one of the most interesting and successful years you have had for a long time. Provided you are not a slave of routine or have some prejudice against making changes, all should be well with you and yours in 1950/51.

Don't hesitate to strike out on new lines as soon as possible. If you don't like your present job, take a new one right away. If you are your own master, experiment in new lines between now and July.

If you are alert and adaptable, your reward should be great. Money should come in easily after June or July and you should do particularly well in the early days of 1951. But it would be fatal to be too conservative: be ready to take risks and to make any desirable readjustments in your business at short notice.

It will be worth while trying to realise any social ambitions you may have. It looks as though you will make friends this year who could do a great deal to help you later on. You should find that people from other countries are helpful and congenial.

It is an excellent year for getting married, if single, or for taking a new house if you are already settled. Certain changes may be necessary in the household and you would be foolish to postpone them. As in business, so in family life, a policy of experiment and readjustment would pay throughout the year.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18: FOR MOST OF US. Propitious day provided you can take life quietly: clear up outstanding jobs and get in touch with people you knew a few years ago. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Midnight blue, 8, Dark sapphire.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: You will find his a pleasant and profitable year provided you are not in a hurry. If you can take life slowly and refrain from making far-reaching changes, you should reach your 1951 birthday with the consciousness of something achieved and with money in hand.

It is a good year for reviving old associations or for taking up work again that you did a few years ago. Fate seems to be driving you back to former scenes and there is the likelihood that you might return to a former job about September. Failing that, you link up again with an old associate. Financially, it should be a propitious year, though you will not make money quickly or in spectacular fashion. If you own property, you should find that it has increased in value, and you may get back money that you lent some years ago. There is also the likelihood of a legacy before the end of the year.

The more you have to do with older people the better. In particular, older women will be helpful and loyal to you throughout 1950/51. If your mother is surviving there is the likelihood of help from her or her family this year.

If still single, a former engagement or love affair may be revived about September. If already married, there is a period of quiet happiness ahead. On the whole, your chances of a happy year are brightest if this birthday finds you forty or more.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19: FOR MOST OF US: Likely to be a day of great activity and possibly of some tension. Excellent for tackling difficult or dangerous jobs and for travel. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Reddish yellow, 5, Onyx.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: This is likely to be one of the liveliest years you have had for a long time. Throughout 1950/51, you will be moving about a good deal and probably completing some hazardous and highly profitable scheme. This should be a year of new hope and interesting new activities.

Don't try to revive the past. It is little use hoping to get back to where you were eight or nine years ago. Instead, concentrate on entirely new schemes and get them going without delay. You should not be hampered by lack of necessary funds.

Financially it should be a fortunate year provided you do not rely on property returns or family help. You should be able to cash in almost immediately on any venture launched between now and November. Also, you are likely to get all the publicity you want without effort.

It will be a travel year. Also, your work will probably bring you into touch with people from abroad or in some way involve a good deal of correspondence and travel arrangements. It is not likely that you would settle out of this country; your journeys, though many, will be short ones.

Don't look for help from older members of your family this year. But the more you have to do with younger people and with children, the better your prospects of happiness this year. If still young and unattached, a lightning courtship is probable.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20: FOR MOST OF US: Don't touch complicated money problems if you can avoid doing so. Better devote today to routine work and to formulating plans for rest of year. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Cream, 1, Crystal.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Although from many points of view this may be a fortunate year, it is likely to be marked by money wories during the early months. So better resolve from today onward to be unusually careful about your expenditure and financial ventures.

Better cut down overheads right away and, if possible, make some change in your way of living before June. You will need cash in hand for new ventures about that time. On the whole it will be better to postpone any important scheme until the early days of 1951. Certain changes will probably be necessary in June or July, but it will be wise to put off anything of moment until after Christmas.

You will do better this year if you stand on your own feet than if you look for co-operation. So summon up your courage and initiative and tackle difficult jobs alone. Don't expect your friends or former business associates to be of much use to you in 1950/51.

Socially, you may find it a disappointing year. Oddly enough, your conventional and prosperous friends may turn a cold shoulder during the coming 12 months. On the other hand, people of unusual type and uncertain existence prove loyal and encouraging.

If married, see that in your family, as well as in business, economies are carried out in the next few months. If unmarried, there is some likelihood of romantic adventures in the near future, but marriage may be held up for lack of cash.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21: FOR MOST OF US: Life moves slowly during the early hours and hold-ups will be frequent. Better reserve deals or interviews of importance for the afternoon. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Wine red, 3, Amethyst.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Don't worry if life seems a little dismal during the first few months of your birthday year. Towards Christmas the horizon clears and you will reach your next birthday with greater confidence and probably with money in hand. So if you can face up to early disappointments, all should be well with you in 1950/51.

It should be an outstanding year financially, with one exception-property. If you have put money into land or houses don't expect any immediate return. On the contrary, you may have heavy expenses between now and September. But other ventures should prosper and, if employed, it looks as though promotion is almost certain either in August or September.

It is useless trying to revive the past or to cling too closely to old ties. If you are your own master, plunge into new schemes, take business risks any time after October. Socially it should be a most propitious year and you will make friends with money and influence. But in your own family circle there is trouble ahead probably connected with an older woman. There is some likelihood of a bereavement early in the year.

It is a good year for marriage if you don't mind family criticism and opposition. If already settled, consider moving away from your present neighbourhood and be very careful what family responsibilities you take on this year. Probably by the time you reach your next birthday you will find that one tie that has been irksome in the past has been broken at last.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22: FOR MOST OF US: Somewhat dangerous influences at work today: if interested in sport or travel, be careful. Mos propitious for business and money-making of any kind. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Leaf green, 4, Emerald.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Success this year depends on how you can cope with emergencies and upon what natural resourcefulness you were given at birth. If you can adjust yourself to unexpected changes, make the most of difficult situations, you will do exceedingly well this year.

Difficult months are likely to be June and July and it is unlikely that you would escape reshuffles about that time. Though these may be unwelcome, it is little use trying to avoid them. If you can adapt yourself to the new state of affairs, you should make money from that time onward.

It will be worthwhile giving all your time and attention to new schemes or a new job, and to consider a move abroad. Don't turn down an interesting offer simply because it involves uprooting yourself. You are doomed to frustration and disappointment this year if you stay in a groove.

Health should be excellent but do be careful about mishaps, particularly if driving a car or handling edged tools. A house move seems certain between now and September, and you may make more than one change of residence this year.

If still single, it looks as though you would plunge into marriage rather suddenly in the next six months and possibly be the butt of scandal-mongers and personal enemies. If already married, prepare to uproot yourself and your family at short notice. Though relatives, particularly brothers and sisters, may be disagreeable, you have much to hope for from new friends in 1950/51.

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FAMINE IN CHINA ADMITTED BUT SAID UNDER CONTROL

San Francisco, April 14.

The Chinese Communists officially conceded today that famine, flood and drought have affected 40,000,000 persons, but said they have plenty of food on hand to take care of the situation.

The Peking radio, heard in San Francisco by the Associated Press, broadcast a report of several thousand words by the Vice-Premier Chen Yun, on the food and financial problems of the Red regime.

After first admitting some famine distress several weeks ago, the Reds have lately been broadcasting semi-official reports that everything was all right. Today's was the first absolutely official pronouncement, with the prominence of its author lending it additional weight.

Mr. Chen in his report to the Communist Central Governing Council said at the start that a balanced budget had been achieved and at the same time food reserves are such that it is completely possible to overcome the spring food shortage period in deficiency areas.

He went on, however, to say that there is still a deficit between income and expenditure that is still not small.

In an apparent attempt to reconcile this with his introductory claim of a balanced budget, he said the deficit is being reduced and on the average, balance may be nearly reached over the year.

After dealing at length with inflation and financial problems and warning speculators to turn to lawful business, so as to avoid disadvantages to the country and to themselves, Mr. Chen turned to food.

Serious calamities

He acknowledged that last year serious calamities occurred in many places, naming North Anhwei, North Kiangsu, Shantung and Hopeh provinces and referring to individual places in Central China, South West China, North East China and North West China.

He said 40,000,000 people were affected to greater or lesser degrees, with 7,000,000 seriously affected.

These difficulties he blamed on the aggressive war of Japanese imperialism and the counter-revolutionary war of the Kuomintang backed by American imperialism.

Red governmental agencies, he declared, had been working at every level for relief.

Among preparations to carry through to this year's harvest, Mr. Chen said, it is planned to import 1,000,000 tons of food from Manchuria to China proper and 200,000 tons from the South West province of Szechwan.

"We also are prepared to buy some foreign grain if necessary," he added, but did not say where it might be obtained.

Offer of help

In Washington, the Food and Agriculture Organisation today held out a helping hand toward famine-stricken Communist China.

Sir Herbert Broadley, Acting Director-General of this United Nations agency, said he would like to have an invitation from the authorities of the famine-stricken areas to send a technical mission to undertake assistance.

"The FAO is trying to establish contacts to enable us to assess the seriousness of the situation and consider how best help could be provided," Sir Herbert told FAO and UNESCO members considering means of co-operating on world food problems.

"We would welcome an invitation, from authorities of the famine-stricken areas to send a small technical mission experienced in handling famine problems, food supply and distribution," Sir Herbert said, "so that the gravity and possible duration of the present emergency could be considered on the spot and remedies examined with responsible authorities, and so that all willing to co-operate could direct their efforts into the most fruitful and effective channels."

Sir Herbert also referred to the Pakistan famine, saying that the Governor-General there had appealed for food and help on behalf of 8,000,000 of his fellow countrymen and the FAO is collaborating with the World Health Organisation and other agencies in sending food, drugs and other supplies to that country.—Associated Press.

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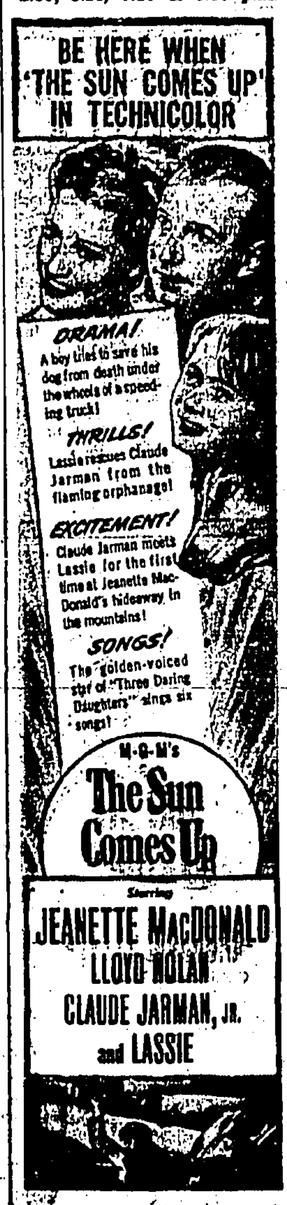

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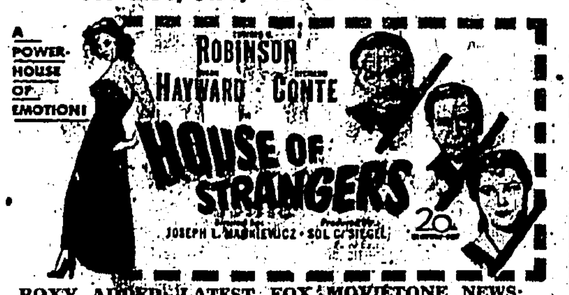

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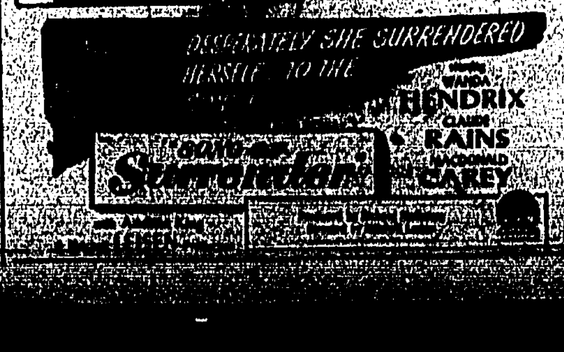

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A.M.
10.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.
10.02—Saturday's Sports Results. (Studio)
10.05—Guy Lombardo and His Royal Canadians.
10.30—Marek Weber and His Orch.
11.00—Service from the Studio by the Rev. J. E. Sandbach.
11.45—"My Songs for You"—Maurice Kaye with Billy Tennent and His Orch. (BBCTS)

P.M.
12.00—"Sports Time"—By Bill Phillips. (Studio)
12.10—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.
12.12—Andy Ivey and His Islanders.
12.45—Light Variety with Eddie Le Mar (Piano and His Orch.)
1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25—Interlude.
1.30—Morning Concert.
2.00—"Take It from Here"—With Joy Nichols, Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards (BBCTS)
2.30—Jazz Half Hour. (Studio)
3.00—Hospital Requests—Presented by Pamela Young. (Studio)
4.00—World News. (London Relay)
4.10—Short Story: "The Dog and Mr. Moroney"—By H. E. Bates. Read by John Loveless. (Studio)
4.30—Film Favourites.
5.00—"Home Requests"—Presented by Jackie Palmer. (Studio)
6.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.
6.02—Berkeley Even-Song—Conducted by the Rev. G. Harker, C. F. (Studio)
6.30—"Time for Music"—The BBC Scottish Variety Orchestra. (BBCTS)
7.00—"Looking Ahead"—A Review of the Weeks Programmes. (Studio)
7.15—"Weekly News Letter". (London Relay)
7.30—"Dinner Music"—(Continuous)
8.00—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)
8.15—"We Sing for You"—Quen Catley (Soprano) and Dennis Noble (Baritone)
8.30—"Mary Lovelace"—A Dramatisation of Anthony Trollope's Novel. "Is He Popenjoy". (Ep. 1). "The Dean Disposes." (BBCTS)
9.00—"From the Editorials." (London Relay)
9.10—Weather Report.
9.11—Interlude.
9.15—Symphony Concert—Beethoven's Concerto No 3 in C Minor, Op. 37. Rochester Philharmonic Orch. with Jose Iturbi, Conducting from the Piano. Hugo Wolf's Italian Serenade. The Philharmonia Orch. Viola Soloist: Max Gilbert. Conducted by Walter Susskind. Brahm's Double Concerto in A Minor, Op 102. Jascha Heifetz (Violin) Emanuel Feuermann (Cello) and the Philadelphia Orch. Conducted by Eugene Ormandy.
10.30—English Social History No. 2.—"Grand Aristocracy"—The Late 17th and Early 18th Centuries. A Talk by G. P. Endicott. (Studio)
10.45—Choruses from Famous Operas.
11.00—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)
11.15—Weather Report and World News. (Recorded Relay)
11.25—Epilogue. (BBCTS)
God Save the King.
11.30—Close Down.

London, April 14.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, has received Anis Azer Bey, the Egyptian Minister, preliminary to his presentation of credentials, a Tass, official Soviet news agency, message received here tonight said.—Reuter.

Rediffusion

A.M.
7.00—Up With The Sun.
8.00—News & Weather Forecast.
8.15—Organist.
8.30—Morning Music.
9.00—Sunday Variety.
10.00—"Exploring Hong Kong"
10.15—Claude Thornhill and his Orch.
10.32—Church Service.
Light Music.
Organ Melodies.

P.M.
12.00—"Sur Les Bords de la Seine"
12.30—Lunch Time Music.
1.15—News And Weather Report.
1.30—Popular Concert.
2.00—Afternoon Musicale.
4.00—Curtain Calls.
4.30—Tea Time Tunes.
5.00—Music Hall Varieties.
5.30—Aces Concert Party.
6.00—Forces' Favourites.
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7.45—Listen to Leibert.
8.00—B.B.C. News.
8.10—Local News.
8.15—Sammy Kaye's Orchestra.
8.30—Eastern Caravan.
8.45—Songs from the Shows.
9.00—Organ Reveries.
9.15—Classics for Today.
9.30—"London Playhouse"
10.00—B.B.C. News.
10.10—Local News.
10.15—Relay.
11.00—A Date with Dreamland.
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Military secrets

According to Government quarters, the Premier is fully determined to defend Mr. Strachey against the campaign both here and in America against his appointment as Secretary of State for War.

It seems that not only is Mr. Attlee annoyed on Mr. Strachey's behalf, holding the view that the Minister's departure from office would be regarded as a confirmation of the criticisms, but that he is also taking the campaign as a slight upon his own judgment in selecting his Ministers.

This question has unfortunately arisen at a time when opposition is growing within the United States to the sharing of any military secrets with her Atlantic Pact allies.

Sick man

It is seriously becoming a question how much longer Mr. Ernest Bevin can from any point of view safely carry on as Foreign Secretary.

How severely the constant strain of his exacting office is telling on him was plainly seen when he attended at Westminster for the foreign affairs debate. He looked drawn and tired, and his movements were more ponderous than ever. He is in his 70th year, and his heart trouble is complicated by his heavy physique.

Some of his Front Bench colleagues, who watched him anxiously, suggested that he should not speak at all, but Mr. Bevin is completely centred in his onerous job and, with a courage verging on obstinacy, insists on keeping at his FO desk. Perhaps this is only to be expected from the author of "The Job to be Done" published three years before the present Government came into existence.

Deceptive

To all appearances the Socialists at the moment present a solid front. But in the corridors of Westminster there are those who believe it would not take much to start trouble within the ranks.

Two recent incidents are being cited to show that this appearance of solidarity may be deceptive. The first was the revolt over Seretse Khama. Several Socialists deny that they intended to oppose the Government on this issue, but were merely expressing their annoyance at the manner in which their Chief Whip, Mr. Whitely, had tried to put the gag on them.

This "rebel" step may not have amounted to much, but it is being linked with the circumstances of the appointment of Mr. Glenville Hall as chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party.

LONDON LETTER

By selecting him as their new chairman, the back-benchers in the party were, in a way, expressing their disapproval of Mr. Attlee's action in dropping him from Ministerial rank.

There are no doubts in many minds that that was the clear intention of this appointment.

Malay Sultans

Now on the high seas bound for Britain are two Malay Sultans who this month, will begin a tour of England, Scotland, and the Continent on a six-months holiday from the heavy responsibilities of government in territories which have suffered much from Communist bandits.

They are making their first trip to this country for many years. They are the 46-year old Sultan of Pahan, a keen sportman and brilliant polo player, and his 60-year old relative by marriage, the Sultan of Perak.

Monarch for more than 40 years of Pahang's 14,000 square miles of thickly-forested soil, the younger of the visitors whose full name is High Highness Abu Bakar Ri'ayatu'd Din Al-Muadzam Shah Ibni Almarhum Alueee Almu' Tasim Bi'llah Abdullah, is widely-travelled and before the last war he used to take his own polo team to Singapore and other Malayan centres.

Sultan Raja Yussuf, of Perak, on whose throne he was installed a year ago, was last here in 1937.

The EP ranch

The Duke of Windsor, I am told, is again contemplating disposing of his ranch at Calgary, Alberta. Before doing so he intends to pay it a personal visit,—it may be a farewell visit.

The Duke, as Prince of Wales, bought the ranch in 1919 and it became known as the "EP" ranch. It consists of nearly 4,000 acres 65 miles from Calgary and lying in the foothills of the Rockies.

Additional value may have been given to the estate by the discovery, a few years ago, of oil in the vicinity.

The Duke and Duchess visited there a few years ago, but their stay was brief. The homestead has developed from a mere shack, which stood there when the Prince bought the ranch 30 years ago, into a very comfortable holiday resort where open-air life may be enjoyed to the full.

A business representative acting for the Duke has just left for Calgary in connection with negotiations said to be in progress.

Where Churchill was born

The Duke of Marlborough is the latest, but probably not the last, of the nobility to throw open his ancestral home at Blenheim to the public for small payments which will go towards the heavy upkeep of the place.

Much of topical as well as general interest awaits the visitor. There is, for instance, the modest room where Mr. Winston Churchill was born in 1874, a plainly furnished apartment in marked contrast to the splendours of other parts of the palace.

Here, with a warning notice, "Please do not touch," is the baby vest worn by Winston as an infant, still in good condition apart from a hole in front through which Winston may, peradventure, have thrust a finger in protest against such nursery controls as were operating in those far distant days.

The palace itself is a veritable museum with much in its rooms and on its walls pertaining to English history. Outstandingly exquisite is the library, 183 feet long and housing a wide selection of Blenheim archives.

Locust commando

One would have thought that, if there was one career women would fight shy of, it would be the study of locusts. But in Whitehall today they are getting to know an American woman who calls herself "one of the locust commando troops."

Miss Eleanor H. Slifer, from the Iowa State University, a specialist in locusts and locust control, is in London to help direct operations against the locust invasion which is threatening large areas of the Middle East and the British Colonial Empire. She is to work at the London headquarters of anti-locust warfare with Dr B. P. Uvarov, director of the natural history section of the British Museum.

Miss Slifer's visit to Britain to "lend a hand" in this work is yet another example of how the Marshall Plan extends technical assistance to other countries. The Slifer "plan of campaign" will be made available to all Marshall-Aid countries.

Buoyant billions

Mr. Bernard Shaw is still too busy writing books of his own to read other people's.

Meanwhile, those he has written in the past continue to reap a harvest which makes him still the world's highest paid dramatist.

At over 90 he remains a very astute man of business—as indeed, an author needs to be in these days of fierce Treasury restriction.

A couple of years ago Mr. Shaw realised that if he continued to insist on his customary 15 per cent royalties the cost of production on Broadway would be so high that his plays would never again get a New York run. Consequently, he agreed to a reduction of five per cent.

This was kept a closely guarded secret. And Mr. Shaw has lately been doing better in New York than at any previous time in his career.

His "Caesar and Cleopatra"—with Cedric Hardwicke in the cast—and "The Devil's Disciple" have been drawing 70,000 dollars a week. I believe that this sum greatly exceeds the current box office receipts in London or New York of any other dramatist.

The London season

London's season looks like being in full swing earlier than usual, that is to say before the Academy in May, when it traditionally opens.

Large numbers of American and other overseas visitors who came over for the Grand National are staying on for the great run of sporting events which will come in succession. Even this early there is plenty of interest in the Capital—in the glory of the London parks and the abundance of entertainment.

Some plays like "Annie Get Your Gun" which have had phenomenal runs are coming off, but the managements say they have sufficient new plays to keep the London theatres going for years. May 1 has been named for the last performance of "Annie," which by then will have run 1,304 times. This is far below the London record still held by "Chu Chin Chow" with 2,238 performances.

"Oklahoma," "Annie's" compatriot, has already passed the 1,300 mark. Throughout the summer not one theatre in London is likely to be unoccupied. Hotel accommodation is London's greatest problem. How could it be otherwise when so many of the leading hotels have been taken over for Government offices or for the headquarters of private business? Nothing which suggests any sense of urgency is being done about hotels and it seems almost fantastic to organise the great Festival of Britain in the hope of bringing a million people to London until the Government is prepared to deal effectively with the hotel shortage.

First visit

When Mr. Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council, has been to Buckingham Palace the King has invariably asked him about the progress of the buildings being erected for the Festival of Britain on the South bank of the River Thames. Now his Majesty, who will be accompanied by the Queen, is to see for himself.

The King and Queen are making their first visit to the site on May 2. By that time the domes and roofs of several of the buildings will have been completed, and their Majesties will have a rough picture of how the finished article will look.

By the beginning of May the bridge which is being built across the Thames near Charing Cross Station will also be nearly complete. Already the piles of two of the arches have been driven into position.

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What the CHINESE PRESS is saying

Hong Kong garrison

NEW LIFE EVENING POST: News regarding agitation for more troops from Hong Kong to reinforce the Malayan garrison poses two questions:

Why do former British commanders in South East Asia hold the opinion that to send troops to Malaya at the expense of Hong Kong is an unwise move? If troops are moved out of Hong Kong will it pave the way for the Chinese Communists to take over Hong Kong?

As we see it, there are two possible explanations: Former British commanders are accustomed to think in terms of military strength; hence their view that reduction of the Hong Kong garrison would endanger the security of the Colony.

The second explanation is possibly that current negotiations between the British and new Chinese governments have not progressed to the stage of guaranteeing the status quo of Hong Kong; hence a strong garrison is essential to maintain the present position of the Colony.

In our opinion, the first explanation is more feasible.

Status quo

SING PO: Some time ago in certain circles in London, Hong Kong was branded as a training centre for a Communist cadre.

A few days ago, the Chinese Communist Peking Government accused Hong Kong of being a centre for spies working for General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters in Japan.

The first allegation was refuted by the Hong Kong Government; the second obviously is also without foundation.

Even if both accusations were true, it demonstrates that the status quo of Hong Kong is advantageous to both opposing camps. Allegations such as have been made also show that legitimate freedom of speech is respected in Hong Kong.

Water supply

WAH KUI YAT PO: As Hong Kong is wholly dependent on reservoirs for its fresh water supply, the only method to solve the water shortage problem is to construct more reservoirs to increase storage capacity.

A new reservoir at Tai Lam Chung has been under consideration. But such a project takes a long time to complete and during the interim no relief is provided.

Digging of wells has been suggested to remedy the fresh water shortage. As a large scale project, it is however, not feasible, but it is one practical scheme as such water may be used for washing clothes if not healthy to consume.

Other methods of bringing some relief include the use of idle ships in the harbour to import water from outside the Colony and for a total ban to be imposed on the supply of water to ships visiting the port. Ships arriving here should also be requested to bring fresh water to Hong Kong.

Rain-making experiments should also be carried out and the authorities concerned should try to make the best use of stream water in the New Territories.

One important point is the general public should be encouraged to co-operate fully in the saving of water.

Rice rationing

FINANCIAL DAILY NEWS: The Hong Kong Government is to be commended for continuing the rice rationing system as this system ensures a steady supply to the public and also helps to stabilise prices in the market.

However there are a few defects in the system. Only those registered are entitled to rice rations. The privilege should be extended to the entire population. A further defect is the quality of the rationed rice and the quantity rationed out.

Invariably the quality is not maintained and the quantity is insufficient for the needs of the people.

Government's concession in allowing merchants to import freely from Siam is a laudable step. It has already had some favourable effect on the market, by bringing down prices of good quality rice.

Welfare associations

SING TAO JIH PAO: Establishment of Kaifong Welfare Associations is in full swing. A number have already been set up and are operating smoothly.

There are however certain retarding factors which are preventing the Associations from achieving the necessary results.

Many residents are unaware of the real objects of the Welfare Associations; responsible officials in the Associations are not conscientious enough and the management of the Associations operate along bureaucratic lines.

As these Associations depend on the voice and ability of the people in their districts, a democratic system should be adopted to give them a say in the development of their welfare.

The first thing to tackle should be the problems of the poor. The interest of the entire community would be aroused should this problem be attended to by the Associations.

It is true that funds are needed to help solve these problems, but such money can easily be raised through subscriptions from the more well-to-do in the districts.

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Charlie Chaplin, the man recently named the best actor of the past 50 years, is 60 years old today.

Charles Spencer Chaplin—to give him his full name—was born in London, England, on April 16, 1889. His father was a versatile vocalist and actor, and his mother, known under the stage name of Lily Harley, was

Charlie Chaplin, the world's greatest comedian.

an attractive singer and actress who gained a reputation for her work in the light opera field.

Charlie was thrown on his own resources before he reached the age of 10. The early death of his father and the subsequent illness of his mother made it necessary for Charlie and his brother, Sydney, to fend for themselves. Having inherited natural talents from their parents, the youngsters took to the stage as the best opportunity for a career.

After several years, Charlie started a career as a comedian in vaudeville which eventually brought him to the United States in 1910 as a featured player with the Fred Karno Repertoire Company. He scored an immediate hit with American audiences, particularly with his characterisation in a sketch entitled "A Night In An English Music Hall."

Film contract

When the Fred Karno troupe returned to the U.S. in the autumn of 1912 for a repeat tour, Chaplin was offered a motion picture contract. His initial salary was $150 a week, but his overnight success on the screen spurred other producers to start negotiations for his services.

The following years Charlie was even more in demand and signed for a larger sum to make 12 two-reel comedies for the Mutual Film Corporation. The films included "The Floorwalker," "The Fireman," "The Vagabond," "One A.M.," "The Count," "The Pawnshop," "Behind The Screen," "The Rink," "Easy Street," "The Cure," "The Immigrant" and "The Adventure."

Chaplin then had a try at producing pictures, and in 1918 released "Shoulder Arms," a comedy dealing with the war which proved a veritable mirth-quake at the box office and added enormously to Chaplin's prestige and popularity. This he followed with "Sunnyside" and "A Day's Pleasure," both released in 1919. In April of that year, Charlie joined with Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks and D. W. Griffith to found the United Artists Corporation.

In 1920, Charlie came out with a six-reel masterpiece, "The Kid," in which he introduced to the screen one of the greatest child actors the world has ever known —Jackie Coogan.

Still king

With United Artists, Chaplin made seven pictures of feature length: "A Woman of Paris," (1923), which he wrote, directed and produced, but in which he did not appear; instead he introduced a new personality to the screen—Adolphe Menjou. "The Goldrush" (1925); "The Circus" (1928); "City Lights" (1931); "Modern Times" (1936); "The Great Dictator (1940), in which he played a dual role and talked on the screen for the first time; and "Monsieur Verdoux" (1947) in which Chaplin sheds his traditional moustache, beggy trousers and wobbly cane.

Today, after an unparalleled record of film achievement over a period of 37 years, Chaplin is still the King of Comedy, one of the favourites of millions of movie-goers around the world, who endorse the supreme accolade recently bestowed upon him by the industry: The greatest actor of the past half century.

ELIZABETH AT GUNNERS' CAMP

Valetta, April 14.

Princess Elizabeth visited the 36th Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment of the Royal Artillery this morning.

The Regiment is in camp for its annual practice shoot and the Princess congratulated the men on their good marksmanship when they hit a Mosquito-towed sleeve target.—Associated Press.

Mr. Nehru to visit Karachi

Karachi, April 14.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian Premier, will visit the Pakistan capital on April 25, it was learned in Karachi today from sources in the Indian Embassy.

Pandit Nehru will be accompanied to Karachi by the Deputy Premier, Sardar Patel.

The visit is in conformity with an agreement that the Premiers of India and Pakistan will visit each other's capitals at frequent intervals.

The agreement followed discussions on communal disturbances in Bengal.—Associated Press.

ONLY ERP SAVED EUROPE

Meandville, Pennsylvania, April 14.

The Marshal Plan Administrator, Mr. Paul Hoffman, said here today that the Russians know victory in Europe is vital to their dreams of world domination.

Only the hope of the Marshall Plan had kept France and Italy on this side of the Iron Curtain and without France and Italy the struggle of the other countries of Western Europe to remain free would have been all too futile.

Mr. Hoffman said that the Russians are still doing everything they can to bring about the failure of the Marshall Plan.

"If we want to avert World War III we have simply got to make the Marshall Plan a success," he added.

Mr. Hoffman estimated that without the Marshall Plan the United States would have to spend between $25,000,000,000 and $30,000,000,000 for defence instead of the current figure of $13,000,000,000.

"Let no one think that it is only the 275,000,000 people of Western Europe whose fortunes are involved in the global struggle," he said.

"The Communists have left no doubt about the importance they attach to the Western European front. They are overlooking nothing in their efforts to wreck Western European recovery. They know full well that victory in Europe is vital to their dreams of world domination."—Reuter.

SNOW FOLLOWED RAIN-MAKING

New York, April 14.

Weather experts said it was probably just a coincidence, but a few hours after New York City launched its first rain-making attempt today, snow fell in the New York area and North Eastwards to Maine.

A Weather Bureau spokesman conceded that mid-April snow was unusual in the area.

The city's rainmaker sprinkled powdered dry ice on the clouds in an attempt to bring rain to fill reservoirs.

The rainmaker, Dr. Wallace Howell, said that Mother Nature should get the credit for the freak snowfall which totalled one inch at mid-morning.

Some places in Massachusetts had eight inches.—Associated Press.

PAKISTAN WANTS EMPIRE GUARANTEE OF HER FRONTIERS

London, April 14.

Discussions have taken place between the Pakistan and United Kingdom Governments for a joint Commonwealth declaration guaranteeing the present frontiers of Pakistan.

In a recent interview given to an American correspondent in Karachi, the Pakistan Prime Minister, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, said that he had proposed to the United Kingdom even last year such a collective guarantee but without any positive result.

Reliable sources told Reuters today that coupled with the recently offered "no war" declaration by Pandit Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, such a collective declaration would go a long way to appease the fear of territorial aggression against the newly emerged State of Pakistan, not so much from India herself as from other foreign powers.

Recently Pakistan has again taken up this question through diplomatic channels. It is understood that Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan strongly feels that such a guarantee, with the implied assurance that any transgression of Pakistan's frontiers from any side would automatically become an act of aggression against the Commonwealth as a whole, would go a long way to help Pakistan to reduce her military expenditure to more reasonable proportions for internal defence purposes.

The suggestions have been again renewed in recent weeks in view of the fact that the Kashmir dispute is now showing signs of moving along smooth peaceful lines.

Apart from Kashmir, Pakistan has also to cast an eye over her shoulder constantly at the Durand Line and the frontier regions where Afghanistan has staked a claim, renewing it by propaganda at frequent intervals.

A final quietus given to the Afghan claims by proclaiming the inviolability of the Durand Line, the Pakistan Government feels, would remove one serious problem of internal defence.

Diplomatic sources here saw in the resumption of these negotiations at the present time a strategic move on the part of the Pakistan Premier to make the United Kingdom and the other Commonwealth countries interested in the stability of South Asia to come out with firmer ideas on mutual defence among the members before Pakistan commits herself further in any Commonwealth plans for "containing" Communism in that part of the world.

No hasty action

These sources feel that the good understanding established between Pakistan and India has strengthened the hands of Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan in his negotiations.

Further, with the Moscow invitation to him to make a State visit to Russia still open but undated, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan would like to know definitely how far the United Kingdom and ultimately the United States of America would be prepared to take firm responsibilities in asking the South Asian countries to take sides in the cold war.

The Commonwealth Relations Department here declined today to comment on the progress of these negotiations. But reliable sources close to the British Government said that the Government is giving the closest consideration to Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan's expressed views.

These sources, however, point out that the British Government will not hastily formulate a definite line of policy on this matter.

They explain that the United Kingdom is only one member of the Commonwealth and the other members would have each an independent say in the matter of a collective guarantee of the kind suggested.

So far as the British Government is concerned, the inviolability of Pakistan's frontiers, which Britain was directly responsible for laying down, is implicit in the Commonwealth arrangements.

Being a member of th United Nations organisation, Pakistan has nothing further to gain by such a restricted guarantee.

The British Government can not fully define its attitude to such a proposition until the Kashmir dispute is finally settled between India and Pakistan.

Durand line

Diplomatic sources say that on one point, however, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan's suggestion has found very a favourable reception by the British Government, namely, the Durand Line.

They point out that the British Government has, at various times, categorically stated that this line demarcates Afghanistan's Eastern frontier as far as it is concerned.

According to information available here, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan is expected to arrive in London on April 29 on his way to the United States. He will stay here for three days and leave, possibly in President Truman's special plane, on May 2.

After a week's stay in Washington and New York, he will start on May 10 his tour of the United States. On May 30 he will proceed to Ottawa and return to New York after his Canadian tour, before leaving for London.

It is expected that he will spend a few more days in London before returning to Karachi.

It is expected that Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan may pursue his suggestions with the British Government during his stay in London.

These preliminary discussions may affect the general attitude Pakistan's delegate will take at the Canberra Conference in May for any future plans for the South Asian region.—Reuter.

USI DELEGATION TO MOSCOW

Jakarta, April 15.

The United States of Indonesia will send a delegation to Moscow by plane on Saturday to arrange for a permanent diplomatic exchange with Soviet Russia.

The six-man group, headed by Mr. L. N. Palar, Indonesian representative to the United Nations, will confer en route with officials in New Delhi, Karachi, Cairo and Amsterdam.

The Indonesian Premier, Mohamed Hatta, was quoted this week as saying the USI has accepted the Soviet recognition on the understanding that the Russians will not veto Indonesian membership in the UN.—Associated Press.

Henry Fonda's wife commits suicide

Beacon, New York, April 14.

Frances Seymour Fonda, aged 42, wife of the actor, Henry Fonda, was found dead in Craig House Sanatorium today with her throat slashed.

Dr. Edward Cotter, deputy county medical examiner, said she was a suicide victim.

Mrs. Fonda had been a patient at the sanatorium since she suffered a nervous breakdown, but was believed to have been making a good recovery and her discharge from the sanatorium had been expected soon.—United Press.

GROUCHO MARX' DIVORCE SUIT

Hollywood, April 14.

The comedian Groucho Marx, aged 59, filed suit today for divorce from his second wife, Kay Gorcey, aged 29, on the grounds of extreme cruelty.

When they parted recently he said, "We are just plain unhappy."

They were married in 1945 and have a daughter, aged three. —Associated Press.

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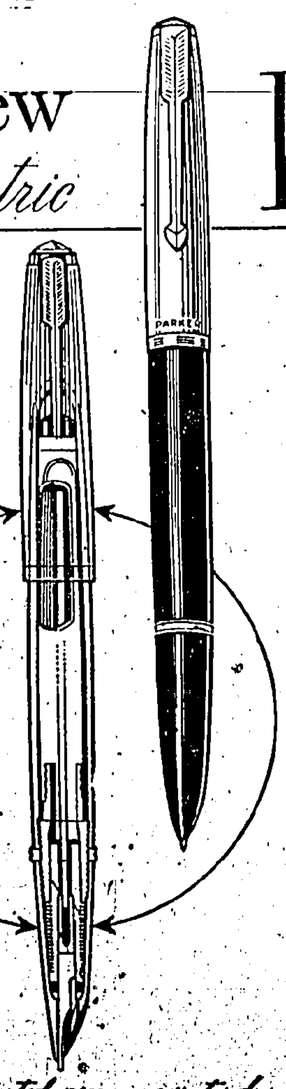

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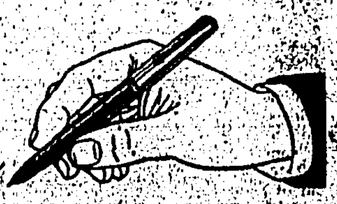

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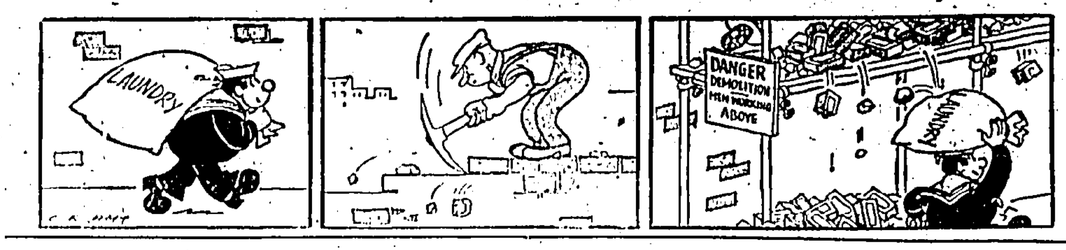

Your life and Mine

by IRIS ASHLEY

Who went WHERE, and WHY last week? (Don't guess—I'll tell you.) This writer went to Bournemouth and points West to see what holiday-makers may expect to find this summer.

Now is the impetuous season. Most people plan their summer holidays in advance, and where they go depends on individual requirements; but soon, if the sun shines, hundreds of people will suddenly realise they have a few days all their own.

They will think of the woods filled with primroses, and the clean, exciting smell of the sea. Dare they pack a bag and dash out into the blue? After last week's tour, I'd say—yes.

My first stop after leaving London in a 10 h.p. chariot was lunch at Stoney Cross in the New Forest.

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As far as I could see Stoney Cross consists only of the long low building of the Compton Arms. Inside there is clean paint everywhere and masses of brilliant flowers: cinerarias, daffodils, and hyacinths, all growing in pots, surround the rooms and passages. Clearly they are ready and waiting for visitors.

Outside on this high ridge of the forest the ponies wander at will; only an occasional tyre-bearing bush or apparent tin-tree remind you that the army was once here in force.

Next morning the sun slanted in and woke me; all I could see was the green needles of the tall pine trees against the blue sky. From below came the "shush" of the sea. Later, wandering down the steep chine there were hosts of daffodils, then suddenly a terrace at the water's edge, with a group of bathing houses painted freshly white with red roofs, looking gay and inviting against the green hillside and sparkling water.

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So this was Branksome Chine, Bournemouth. Maybe you know it well, but it came as a pleasant surprise to me. Francis Marshall obligingly sketched the scene, muttering that newspapers ought to be printed in colour sometimes.

I wandered in and out of hotels—frankly looking round—and talked with Miss Rosamund Welstead at the Information Bureau. She told me the summer bookings are the best since the war, but there is still room for those with last-minute holiday fever.

Everywhere I went there were signs of new decorations, of newly planted gardens, in brief—of "Welcome" on the mat.

This situation, both with regard to hotels and conditions, is true of Weymouth and also of Torquay.

An amusing comment from Torquay is that they are enjoying the advent of a bumper crop of honeymoon couples at the moment.

If you are a real corny tourist like me, you can get into a delicious muddle of fact and fiction by driving through Dorset. Here is the Thomas Hardy country of "Wessex."

At a little place called Wool you stop the car to gaze at a beautiful small Elizabethan manor house, which sits beside a stream. This you learn from the guide book "is the scene of the wedding night of Tess of the D'Urbervilles."

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A little beyond, and your eye is caught by a sign which reads: "Bindon Abbey, Open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays." Passing through a Gothic gateway, you pay 6d. each to elderly Mr. Riggs, who conducts you over what remains of the abbey, which was built in 1172. Truth to tell, very little remains, but the largest primroses I have ever seen grow in profusion over this consecrated ground.

And Mr. Riggs points out "Tess's Tomb." Earnestly, too, he reconstructs the whole Cistercian Monastery for you, and fascinated, you follow his architectural imagery.

Travellers in England might like to hear that in the South West of England, anyway, the larger hotels are making a strong bid for custom. They have been put in order, and the visitor is made to feel really welcome.

To stay in they are relatively more expensive than smaller places, of course, but for a casual lunch the charge was no more for a good meal at the plushy Haven Hotel at Sandbanks than at a dreary little commercial hotel (which had better be nameless): it was 12s. 9d. for two in each case—but what a difference in the value for money.

The things some of us want of an August holiday are not always to be had in England. But there is no country in the world more lovely than ours in the spring.

I wish that between now and the end of May everyone in the town and cities could find time to get away for a few days—to gaze at the horizon over the sea, or maybe meander down a country lane, just to remind themand bustle we humans make the selves that behind all the noise world itself still grows quietly along.

Behind the political scene

By Alastair Forbes

CONVENIENT MEMORY

Mr. Attlee has a conveniently selective memory. Some things may stick in his mind, but a great deal slips from it.

He distinctly remembers the Parliamentary precedents of 1905: and has a still better recollection of Lord Winterton's whereabouts in those far-off days than the Father of the House himself.

Of more recent events he most vividly recalls Mr. Eden's first speech in the new Parliament, in which the Opposition was pledged to refrain from all fractious and factous activity against the Government. But in between there seems to be something of a blank.

He appears altogether to have forgotten the repeated taunts of Mr. Morrison and many other Socialists at the moderation and ineffectiveness of the Torries in the Commons from 1945 to 1950. Otherwise he could scarcely with honesty complain at their greater zeal and efficiency today.

Election chances

If the King's Government must be carried on, as Mr. Attlee has been telling us so often of late, then so must the King's Opposition. While the government of this country is based on Parliament, there can be no suspension of ordinary Parliamentary practice.

This should be clearly understood by the electorate, which should not allow itself too gullibly to believe current Socialist charges of Tory irresponsibility or "larking about," though dirty coal may be held by most people to be a subject far too serious for "larking." No Tory defeat of the Government in a division could be held "irresponsible" unless the Tories were known to be unwilling to form an Administration.

There is, however, not the slightest evidence available to prevent the conclusion being formed by all experienced political observers that Mr. Churchill is prepared to form a Government at a moment's notice on any occasion the Socialists should choose to abandon office, and equally prepare to carry on that Government until compelled by circumstances or his own choice to seek a dissolution.

It may be that no serious change in the state of the parties would be secured at an early election; it may even be that the voters would only underline the slight preference in favour of the Labour Party recorded in February. But both those considerations serve only more conclusively to exonerate the Conservatives on any charges of "playing politics."

Naturally a second stalemate result would provide the confirmation, at present absent, of the need to operate the British Parliamentary system in a somewhat different manner from that now accepted.

There would have to be evolved some practcal recognition of the more European pattern which our political affairs have suddenly chosen to follow.

Better debates

For the present there is little doubt that the razor's edge on which this Parliament is balanced has greatly sharpened the quality of its debates. Not for five years and more has Westminster heard so important or worthy a discussion of the country's part in the great issues of the day as that which Mr. Churchill so movingly opened in the Commons on Tuesday.

Mr. Churchill's finest and most constructive contributions to world statemanship have, since the early days of the last war, been kept for foreign audiences, who have indeed been quicker to appreciate them at their true worth.

The great themes of Fulton or of Metz or of Zurich passed the understanding of the greedy gossips round Labour's parish dump. In those days the strains of the Red Flag drowned the warning sounds of the advancing Red Army.

How it is different. The "masters" are readier to be educated, to hear facts and not fancies, to admit fears rather than feed foolish hopes. Even Mr. Crossman has brought himself, reluctantly, to recognise, albeit in wonderfully understated language, that "Russia has far exceeded her sociological frontiers."

His pride as a professional propagandist has been hurt by the fulfilment of so many of Goebbels' prophecies. He is a Colonel Blimp of political warfare, forever refighting yesterday's battles, microphone in hand.

He seems to suffer hysterically to see Mr. Churchill, the architect of Germany's defeat, seeking not to punish her vindictively but to rehabilitate her as a peaceful and useful European Power. He cannot accept as a goal Mr. Churchill's policy of "fair shares" for all in Europe, which must in the end logically include a fair share of responsibility for Europe's defence.

He calls Mr. Churchill "simple minded" for believing that "Germans will accept a situation in which they are provided with arms by somebody else."

It does not seem particularly simple minded to believe the Germans capable of accepting exactly the situation already accepted by ourselves and the French and our other Western European allies.

The guilty men

Mr. Michael Foot is another Socialist who cannot bring himself to applaud Mr. Churchill's anxious attempt to secure a settlement with Russia, "negotiated from strength and not weakness."

The Conservatives who would not negotiate in this way in order to halt Hitler in the thirties were called by Mr. Foot "Guilty Men."

It seems that their successors, for all that they have learnt the lessons of the past and now seek to avoid a repetition of the terrible events for which Mr. Foot held them responsible, are still to be reckoned guilty. Or is it that Mr. Foot hopes to increase his readers and his votes by advocating his new policy of "fearless" appeasement?

In fact, of course, despite all these malevolent Socialist distortions, no Conservative has advocated the rearmament of a single German until such time as all free Germans have accepted their country's duties in the political union of Europe.

Undeclared war

Mr. Churchill was, perhaps, more optimistic than any other speaker about the future prospects of reaching a viable settlement of the Undeclared War. He deliberately played down some of the anxieties about the present position which were so ably stated on Friday by his old friend Mr. Bernard Baruch.

Mr. Julian Amery, in a notably bold maiden speech on the theme that "It is later than you think," was able to win the agreement of the Socialist who followed him, the Socialist who followed him, Mr. Blackburn, who warned his party leaders that time was no longer on our side.

There was some evidence that Mr. Bevin was himself at last conscious of the need to speed and strengthen the functioning of the Atlantic Alliance and its component politico - strategic structure in Europe. But it has become no less evident that Mr. Bevin no longer possesses the physical strength to play the part now demanded by events of H.M. Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Nobody can watch unmoved either the tremendous courage with which he bears the pain and exhaustion of his illness or the anxiety which his continuation in office in such a state of health must place upon his admirable wife. But he should be persuaded to find in retirement such rest as would enable him to forget his disappointments in peace rather than, out of obstinacy, to allow his hold on work and life to slip simultaneously.

Mr. Bevin's long career has had its triumphs as well as its failures. But it has certainly earned him the right to an honourable retirement.

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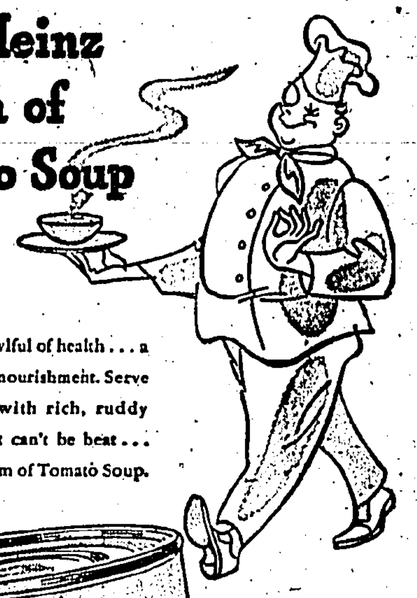

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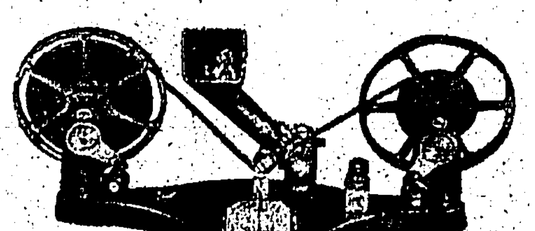

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Waiting for permission

The new head of the British Council in China, Mr. C. A. F. Dundas, has arrived in Hong Kong to await Communist permission to proceed to Peking. Future Council work depends largely on whether or not he will be allowed to reach his destination.

Mr. Dundas himself is quite hopeful. He believes that eventually permission will be granted for him to go up North. Council work is continuing in Shanghai, Nanking and Peking, and he sees no reason why, as head of the Council in China, he should not be able to join his staff.

I met him at his hotel four days after his first glimpse of this part of the world, and found him

MR. C.A.F. DUNDAS

thrilled by what he had seen. He told me he had not thought Hong Kong half as interesting or as beautiful as it turned out to be.

He comes from the Middle East, where he did British Council work in the Arab countries and Turkey before the war. Mr. Dundas was the first Council representative to be sent overseas. He established his organisation in such romantic spots as Bokhara —where the world's most beautiful carpets are made—Samarkand, beloved city of the greatest Arabian poets, and Cairo, where the Pharaohs once dwelt and where Cleopatra mocked Caesar.

His task was to spread knowledge of British educational standards and culture, poetry, novels, history and the higher arts. He had to begin from scratch as the Arabs were solidly entrenched in their own traditions and habitually wary of foreign influences.

Mr. Dundas found them a kindly and gracious people, and enjoyed working among them.

However, they were slow to grasp new ideas and were not reconciled to progress. He said that the people appeared to be immeasurably more advanced than them.

Hong Kong was more modern, less inhibited. It had had the advantage of stable government for many years, while the Arab countries were only now breaking away from centuries-of-despotism, and misrule.

Mr. Dundas came here with his wife and two dogs. He had to leave the dogs with a friend, as his hotel would not have them.

He is an educator and physicist by profession. He got his MA at Oxford, and was a school master for some years.

Mr. Dundas is distinguished-looking, erudite and courtly. Years in the Middle East have made him an extremely patient man. The Arabs were so unhurried in their outlook that in the beginning he was driven to exasperation. Only after many trying experiences was he able to fathom their philosophy that haste is pointless because nothing is important enough to warrant it.

He is a great believer in the influences of education. To his mind a teacher sent abroad is as important as a political ambassador for his country, because what young people learn from their teachers remains indelible, and will mould their outlook in years to come.

The British Council, he said, works on this principle.

Mr. Dundas will remain in China for two years should his application for residence in Peking meet with favourable consideration. He does not know what he will do should permission be declined.

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Given new job

Mr. Dhan Mukerji, formerly with the Pan-American Airways office in Hong Kong, has been appointed sales manager for the company's Atlantic Division, with headquarters at La Guardia Field, New York.

Mr. Mukerji, who is 30 years old, takes a cosmopolitan background and wide airline experience to his new position. He is well-known in the Colony, where he leaves many friends.

MR. DHAN MUKERJI

He joined the PAA in New York in 1941, after graduating from Swarthmore College, and served in Latin America, Seattle, Alaska, and San Francisco where he was active in the introduction of the double-decker Boeing stratocruiser Clippers on Pacific flights.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

By The SCRIBE

The new sales manager attended elementary schools in Switzerland, France and the United States, and graduated from the the Phillips Exeter Academy in New England. During his College career he studied at the Sorbonne, in Paris.

He is fluent in French, Portuguese, and Italian, and has a practical knowledge of German and several other European languages.

Mr. Mukerji was born in New Bedford, Massachussetts, in 1910. He married the former Miss Joan Lothrop, of Boston, and the couple have two daughters.

His father was the famous Indian author and philosopher, Dhan Gopal Mukerji, who graduated from Stanford University in 1916, and in his lifetime published 23 books. His mother is the former Miss Ethel Ray Dugan, who lives in New York where she is associated with the Dalton schools.

His new appointment makes Mr. Mukerji one of the youngest executives of the biggest airline corporation in the world.

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China's Robert Taylor

Mr. Pai Yuan holds the same position in the Chinese cinema world as Robert Taylor or Tyrone Power in the United States. Formerly of Peking and Shanghai, he now makes his home in Hong Kong, where the biggest Chinese studios are located. He works independently of studios and free-lances most of the time.

Mr. Yua. has Anglicised his name, and prefers to be known among his foreign friends as Mr. Anthony Young. He possesses a charming personality, and is well-known to a large circle of Chinese and foreign acquaintances.

Now 32, Mr. Young has been acting for the screen for more than 10 years. He began in minor roles, and as his success grew, assumed larger and larger parts. Last year he starred opposite Butterfly Wu in China's first Technicolor production, "In the Middle of a Dream." Three theatres in Kowloon are currently screening his latest picture, "A Formosan Tragedy," which is based on a true story which the Hong Kong Press played up seven months ago.

Mr. Young is a personable young man whose whole career was built up entirely on his own merits. He decided early in life that he could act, and was not satisfied until he had made a name for himself.

He had not much to go on, as a career on the Chinese screen is a comparatively modern profession. I, was hard work from the beginning.

Now many young men are taking to it because of the good money they are able to earn, but in the early days the hours were long and remuneration not particularly attractive.

From the Western point of view, Mr. Young's acting may appear to be stilted and not always convincing, but he tells me that the traditions of the Chinese theatre restrict his scope. He is not able, for instance, to give full rein to his emotions in a romantic scene because Chinese tradition demands a minimum of showy exhibition.

Unlike most Chinese actors and actresses, Mr. Young is not satisfied with a secure career, but is constantly striving to improve himself. His ambition is to travel to the United States and Europe one day to star in American and British productions.

For this reason, he is making serious efforts to learn from British and American professionals, and is an avid reader of foreign periodicals on the Western theatre.

MR. PAI YUAN
(Mr. Anthony Young)

He is the only Chinese actor of national fame whose English is almost as faultless as his Chinese. His clothes, mannerisms and conversational style all stamp him not as a star of the Peking opera (which he also does) but as a Western young man with a definite aim in view.

Mr. Young's personal life is as interesting as some of the roles he portrays on the screen. He was married at a very early age, and divorced a few months later. Because of his arresting personality, charm and uninhibited outlook, women have made a hero of him to such an extent that his personal life often has had to suffer from many unnecessary embarrassments.

Mr. Young is remarkably handsome, and I find his company congenial. His political horizons are broad, and his knowledge of the arts, *belles lettres*, music, paintings and poetry are all patterned after the West.

He knows more about Sir Henry Irving, Sir Herbert Tree and Helen Hayes than any other Chinese I have met. He enjoys reading poetry so much that often his speech is sprinkled with quotations from Shelley, Browning and the latest T. S. Eliot surprises.

A warm, sincere young man, he bears his responsibilities bravely, and does not squander the thousands of dollars that he earns. He stars in at least six pictures a year, in addition to many appearances on the stage.

He supports his father and mother, and several younger sisters and brothers. His young son is just about ready to go to school.

A playboy in his early days, responsibilities have made a sober young man out of him and he is careful to put a part of his earnings aside for rainy days.

He is fond of admiration, and is now quite used to being stared at.

But he knows that the public's regard is a fickle thing, which does not last.

Talking about this the other day, he said to me, "They smile at me today. But if I slip tomorrow, they won't care less. I know all about this. And I'm quite ready to fade out quietly when the time comes."

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Colony's tennis star

Hong Kong's tennis champion is not only champion here but in many other parts of the Far East as well.

Mr. Ip Koon-hung, who won the title again two weeks ago, is also champion of Singapore, Java, Malaya and China.

A retiring and modest young man, Mr. Ip became interested in tennis while at school at Stanley, where many facilities were provided for him to learn the secrets of the game.

He has been to Forest Hills, New York, which—after Wimbledon—is the greatest gathering place of international tennis stars. He hopes to visit Wimbledon itself later this year, where the world's most coveted tennis titles are contested annually.

Mr. Ip says his tennis successes are due to rigorous discipline and plain living. Hard work is also partly responsible. He has no time to spare for night life and drinking, and does not think that anyone who indulges in them will go far in the field of athletics.

He is broad-shouldered, well-proportioned and handsome in a rugged, he-man sort of way.

He does not devote himself unduly to tennis, except during the season. Nor does he play it professionally.

Mr. Ip graduated from school in 1938 and joined the South China Athletic Association. In 1941 he joined the Chinese Recreation Club and became champion of the Club, beating Tsui Yan-pui in the semi-finals and the late Paul Kong in the finals.

He remained in Hong Kong during the occupation, but played no tennis. He says conditions were so difficult that he had no time to spare for it at all.

He married in 1947.

MR. IP KOON-HUNG

In addition to tennis, Mr. Ip enjoys swimming. He is also fond of music, and spends much of his free time at home listening to classical recordings.

He was born in Hong Kong, and has lived here all his life. His English is perfect, and his manners charming and friendly. His colleagues say he is the most "poker-faced" tennis star on record, because he takes defeat and victory with equal grace.

They believe he will make a big name for himself at Wimbledon this year, where Chinese tennis stars are not uncommon.

He has the stamina to survive a Wimbledon ordeal, and enough international experience to represent Hong Kong and China convincingly. The only trouble is money, because he does not have too much of it.

"I think, however, I can manage with what I've got. I do want to see how tennis is played in England," he says.

At the Ballet

Miss Carol Bateman's ballet "Hansel and Gretel", which was presented at the Taiping Theatre last week, confirmed my impression that a lot of talent is available in Hong Kong which is wasted because of lack of opportunity.

People are fond of saying that Hong Kong standards are poor, that the best here is a dismal imitation of London and New York and that there is simply no talent in the Colony worth writing about.

Well, after seeing Miss Bateman's ballet, I am convinced that this is not true. "Hansel and Gretel", as she produced it, was a fine show, full of exquisite numbers and excellently-rendered music, and superbly directed.

Her youthful ballerinas showed all the qualities of careful training, and the choreography was a thing of remarkable beauty. The *corps de ballet* was unhurried, beautifully poised, and discreetly aware of its background importance.

The costumes were homely and the scenery suggestive. The lighting at times was at fault, and the choice of theatre itself was not a happy one, but Miss Bateman, of course, cannot be blamed for this.

Her interpretation of the German fairy tale lost none of its charm despite her attempts to tighten up here and there, and I found her tendency to suppress the more difficult *pirouettes* and *cadenzas* intriguing and original.

It was evident that her ideas are based on the Russian standerds set up as *de rigeur* by Diaghelev in the 1928 Monte Carlo season when he had his famous quarrel with Max Reinhardt.

"Hansel and Gretel", of course, is the ideal ballet for Miss Bateman's young pupils. Miss Audrey King, who taught dancing in Shanghai, produced it one year with remarkable effect. But I remember that Miss King found difficulty assembling a cast, whereas Miss Batemen seems to have encountered no such trouble at all.

It will be interesting to see what she produces next. I hope it will be something equally light, airy and wholesome.

The divertissement after the intermission, danced by Mrs. Martin Hansen to the strains of Fritz Kriesler's "Caprice Viennoise", was well-done. Mrs. Hansen once performed with Shanghai's Ballet Russe—in the company of stars like Nina Kojevnikova—and has lost none of her poise and charm despite a long separation from the footlights.

Mrs. Hansen was Russian before her marriage. She was born and raised in Shanghai and danced all her life. She interpreted the Kreisler number—a combination of waltz, polta and mazurka—with distinction and understanding.

The whole programme at the Taiping Theatre was cleverly selected. It seemed to me to be the prelude to something bigger. Miss Bateman must not end there. She must give us more ballets.

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AUSTRALIAN LETTER

Sydney April 4.

When 70,000 people go window shopping in the rain you can bet brollys to biscuits that there's something worth seeing, and that is precisely why there was a record first day attendance when the Sydney Royal Easter Show opened in weather that added £1,500 rain insurance to the gate money.

While the figures emphasise the public interest in this big opportunity to peep into what is virtually the shop-window of the Commonwealth, they are mighty misleading about the state of the weather, because the insurance was mere chicken feed to what would have been picked up but for the freak which registered 50 points less rain at the official gauge than at the show ground only a mile away. Incidentally show officials have insured against rain for a total of £50,000 during the 10 days of the show, and this is the largest rain cover in the Southern Hemisphere.

Cost of staging this great exhibition of the country's primary and secondary wealth which annually is visited by more than a 1,000,000 Australians as well as crowds of overseas visitors, is £110,000, while the value of the exhibits totals several millions, most of which is covered by insurance.

Outside Australia there's nothing to touch these Royal Agricultural Shows, and within the Commonwealth the Sydney Show is the daddy of them all with nothing hoary about it but the 136 years since it began as a collection of farmers' produce at Parramatta. It takes a lot of work by officials to make each show bigger and better than the one that went before, and more than all else it takes the all-the-year-round energies of men who breed the animals paraded so proudly in the arena; the wheat and maize men, who grow, guard and garner the crops; the farmers, and the countless land workers who are the backbone of our prosperity. Currently only one thing that makes the country tick is missing; the lovely Merino now no longer takes a bow at what most people consider the one and only show, because for many good reasons to sheep men but a mystery to the rank and file, a separate sheep show is held later in the year. Only fleece on the hoof at the Easter parade appears for the sheep dog trials, a spectacular major event of terrific importance to the country people, who, above all others, know that in two vital industries, wool and meat, prosperity is influenced by the working dog.

Evidence

This 10-day national exhibition that is carnival, rodeo, shop window and market, is concrete evidence of what backs the prosperity cheque; a truly remarkable achievement when against the bumper seasons must be balanced shortages of labour and materials. Rain or shine, country workers have to be on the job, so city crowds, remembering, cheerfully pay homage at the appointed hour even when it means slopping round in mud up to the ankles. That public interest gets good measure even under adverse conditions chalks up top marks to officials who kept a full programme in the ring, which stands up to the continued rain through the foresight of an elaborate draining system and a thick surface of Kikuyu grass, which, with its thick rooting system binds the soil tightly in place in wet weather, and does double duty by being equally resistant to the absolutely opposite conditions of long dry spells. Elsewhere in the 72 acres of showground, duckboards were the answer to the deluge and with everyone determined to make the best of the weather the only really disconsolate people were the showmen sheltering by the big Ferris wheels, or sitting forlorn at the hub of merry-go-rounds that were still.

As if it were not enough for rain to rob the carnival of its glamour, current flood conditions leave a trail of devastation in Central areas where water surges down from the upper reaches of the Macquarie and Lachlan rivers, threatening towns with the worst flooding in their history. This year of too bountiful rains has piled disaster on disaster for market farmers as one area after another has been ravaged by floods leaving the grim paradox of penniless farmers in a bumper season, and drowned cultivations where ordinarily irrigation sprays play continuously. Housewives have felt the backlash since the weather vagaries started last June and now they face an all-time high in the price of basic foods. The critical period is expected in the next few months when in all probability prices will over-step the mark at which people are prepared to buy.

Job of jobs

One of the bygone delights of the Easter Show were the free samples collected with gusto by the young, and the fun of such loot 'divided honours' with the ever-green practice of squirming under tent flaps so that sideshows also came for free. But today's youngsters miss out on such dubious opportunities to develop ingenuity because even a professional spruiker couldn't wheedle a sample bag from the highly commercialised display stalls without the magic of the largest silver coin in the currency, and the show tents have been ousted by pavilions on the score of fire risk. Every youngster realises the need for a 'cuppla' pounds to enjoy the fun of the fair and a few souvenirs, and reluctantly pre-show days are given over to service, for a consideration. Small wonder then that at such a time the advertisement of an ice-cream firm caused a Saturday morning stampede of 4,000 small boys after the 100 'jobs' offered. It was work beyond their wildest dreams—for the panel of words offered 'all the ice-cream you can eat' to all applicants, plus tram fares and a cash fee of one guinea to the lucky 100 chosen for the job of 'tasters.' That the professional term for the fee is as foreign to youth as sovereigns to shoppers was of no moment besides visions of ice-cream being handed out across immensity and through eternity.

Blot

Wise and dignified handling of a deplorable incident by the Prime Minister somewhat eased the tension of the angriest debate the House has known for years following bitter personal references made by the Speaker to the Governor-General. When Mr Cameron was elected to office it was felt that a capable but headstrong personality had been wisely steered into a position where he was least likely to cause embarrassment, and Australians no matter what their politics are aghast at the crude display of personal feeling from a man whose high office imposes on him the duty of discarding all personal motives and divesting himself of current prejudices along with animosities of the past. Labour members are saying that as the Governor-General (Mr M'Kell) is the King's personal representative in Australia, the debate is certain to be singled out for Royal attention and expect that a communication on the subject will be made to the Prime Minister from Buckingham Palace. Meanwhile the Governor-General is saying nothing. The unhappy episode, however, illustrates that the elevation to high office of someone from the world of party politics, where personal invective is the rule rather than the exception, leaves the way open to precisely such attacks in a sphere which should be free from embarrassment.

Music

In just three years the Sydney Symphony Orchestra has been raised to world class by its conductor, Eugene Goossens, who came to us from the United States, but the feeling is growing in musical circles that Australia is in danger of losing Goossens if something isn't done to meet the demands of a growing musical public for a suitable concert hall. When he first came, Mr. Goossens stressed the need for a hall to hold 3,600 people so that 7,000 could be accommodated at each pair of concerts, as in America. Now that the public waits in a dawn queue for concert tickets, the only worthwhile gesture of what Goossens has done for music in Australia is a permanent opera house or music centre, and the indefatigable Goossens has somehow even found time to ferret out a site, and, given the green light from the authorities, it wouldn't be surprising if he instituted the initial effort for financial backing.

The cult of Mesmer which is enjoying a great revival as an entertainment draw-card looks like suffering from the story going the rounds anent the non-appearance of a top-billing artist at a radio session. It appears that the man with the compelling eyes was house hunting, when, an hour before his appointment with the fans, an agent told him of a home far out in the suburbs, offered to drive him there, saying he could easily get back for his appointment. But the house didn't have what it takes to appeal to a great hypnotist and when he said so he was shrugged off by the agent and left to find his way back to the city—a tedious matter of tramp and tram. Now all the people he has fooled some of the time and some he has fooled all the time are asking why the 'fluence' wasn't turned on the agent for the return journey.

A mere lad of 20, a new Australian, Leonid Denysenko, has surprised and impressed the critics with his pen and ink drawings at the first exhibition of the New Australians' Cultural Association. He is regarded as a read 'find' and everything possible is to be done to help him to the top of the artistic ladder. Denysenko, who is working as a clerk in a migrant camp while trying to master the language, was born in Poland of Ukranian parents and worked secretly in a Nazi prison camp to perfect his art during the war.

There's a big difference in the stuff that lays 'em in the aisles in England and Australia so the ABC English humour session was started in the light of an experiment, but the riot of utter nonsense has rapidly 'got 'em in' and is now top favourite on the variety programme for all that many Australians miss the point of some of the topical gags. It would seem that the English enjoy people rather than wisecracks and this has caught on with Australian listeners who now weave the tags into the current chit-chat with such persistence as to qualify for equal honours with the English public which likes its jokes the more often it hears them. There's a suggestion that the English net was cleverly spread for Australian audiences by including our own Joy Nichols and Dick Bently in that popular BBC Show, 'Take It From Here' because 'they're very prahd' of Joy and Dick out here.

Of this and that

Subjects that sustain conversation any old time are beer and cigarettes, Australian, and the lack thereof. Australia's beer consumption in 1948-49 was more than 17 gallons each—more than five gallons more than the year before. The new consumption is a record, yet no one outside a night club can ever produce a bottle. Some think that the new high in beer consumption is due to the popularity of the drink with women—spirits have gone, and wine is fast going as a woman's drink. Of course the influx of migrants must account for a keg, or two, but possibly the deciding factor is the weight of the pay envelope. Smokers haven't a chance yet of finding an Australian cigarette above the counter but there are plenty of English brands piling up the revenue although there is great wailing about having to pay for the imported brands.

Describing himself as Australia's supreme opportunist, a Sydney business man, Mr. Sam Curotta, has promised to produce £5 suits for working men and a £50,000 commission for himself within 20 months. The great feat is to be performed with jute (and without the aid of mirrors) and the idea man backed by three others and with the blessing of Overseas Exchange Control, is off on a world tour to find a machine that will weave scrap jute and wool into a serviceable cloth that will sell at 3/- per yard.

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Aesop would have preserved this for posterity. A burr-cutter on an outback property saw an eagle swoop on a rabbit and catch it. A fox sprang on the eagle, snapped the tip off one of its wings and made off with the rabbit. The eagle flew after the fox and attacked to retrieve the rabbit. The fox took a large bite out of the bird's other wing. Thus the eagle could not rise from the ground and the burr-cutter despatched it with his hoe, while the fox made off with the rabbit.

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Engagement of the week, the Hon. Patricia Cavendish to Mr. Frank O'Neill, Australian free-style swimming champion, was announced after the swimmer had won the NSW 110 yards freestyle championship at the Olympic Pool, Sydney.

The Hon. Patricia is the daughter of the late Brigadier-General F.W.L.S.H. Cavendish, and of the Countess of Kenmare, who is at present in Sydney. Mr. O'Neill will accompany his fiancee and her mother to East Africa where they will be the guests of the Hon. Patricia's brother, Lord Waterpark before leaving for the South of France where the wedding will take place.

Inside information

By Mercury

Soviet international troops in Bulgaria are ready to reopen guerilla operations in Greece. Bulgarian and Polish Communist brigades have been formed.

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Soviet staff plans and military preparations against Persia are being speeded up.

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King Abdullah of Jordan and the Shah of Persia will meet next month.

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Egypt has a £E100,000,000 public works programme and will invite foreign tenders for a Suez-Cairo pipeline, a Cairo underground railway, and engineering on 6,000 miles of new roads.

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An exhibition of "decadent" Western art on the lines of the Munich exhibition of 1937 is being organised in Moscow.

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Britain and Albania have made tentative arrangements for a meeting on April 14 to discuss settlement of the Corfu channel incident.

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It is probable that Albania will declare herself able to make only reduced payments of the £843,000 damages awarded to Britain by The Hague International Court.

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The West Germans expect more concessions on dismantling when General Sir Brian Robertson has handed over the High Commissionership to Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick.

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The Soviet Embassy has wired to Moscow a verbatim report of Mr. Churchill's speech on re-arming Germany.

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Spanish comments on the unofficial proposals to "re-arm Spain" for Western Union are that the Pyrenees are a better defensive line than the Rhine.

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Britain has invented a lightweight rubber aircraft tyre that can be inflated with helium gas.

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The first batch of Chinese Communist diplomats has been attending the sixth course of the Cominform College of Diplomacy in Moscow since March 12.

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A British General Election in late autumn is still considered most likely, after both Conservative and Socialist conferences have taken place.

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Marshal Tito is lifting his Iron Curtain and allowing Yugoslavs to travel abroad on private business.

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A German fisherman on trial at Lubeck has admitted to earning £1,500 for smuggling 90 Soviet zone Germans to Sweden.

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Germans will start tourist cruises in the Mediterranean from Hamburg soon.

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The former Vice-Premier of Poland, Gomulka, and General Spychalski, former Vice-Minister of National Defence, will face a State trial in Warsaw.

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Sir Stafford Cripp's financial agreement with Israel may not please Mr. Bevin, but the concessions made are the first step to a British defence agreement with the Israeli Government.

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Britain has not abandoned title to Allenby barracks in Jerusalem, which will be subject to UN decisions on the Holy City.

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The Eire Government has informed Washington that it would not approve of U.S. financial pressure, through Marshall aid, to force Britain to abandon Ulster.

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Japan's textile industry is threatening British home markets. Japanese grey cloth is now being sold in Britain cheaper than the cost of the yarn in Lancashire.

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Britain's exports of cotton yarns and manufactures in February were the lowest since June, 1948.

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The Swiss Government are repeating their 1939 precautions of forming a national store of food and petrol for war emergency. New rationing plans are prepared.

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The Festival of Britain is sending four double-decker buses round Europe on an advertising tour this summer.

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A high-powered European "Freedom Station" will start regular programmes to all Iron Curtain countries shortly.

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Soviet Russia, planning a unified merchant navy for East European states, is converting the Polish ship Sobieski at Odessa for passenger service.

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The British Commonwealth air training scheme is to be extended to include Western Union air forces.

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The British Cunard liners will have another rival in the Atlantic service this autumn. The 50,000 ton French liner Liberte, once the German Europa, will be on the New York route.

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America is urging the British government to adopt anti-monopoly laws. The Foreign Office has asked the Treasury and Board of Trade for their views.

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The "indiscretions" by American scientists that started superbomb talk were in fact part of the nerve-war against Soviet Russia.

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The U.S. army in Germany is to start training military personnel and Germans in atomic defence measures. A training centre opens this month in Bavaria.

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Marshal Voroshilov and A. Andreyev will resign from the Politburo on grounds of ill-health.

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Cardinal Mindszenty, recently transferred to a mountain sanatorium, is now back in prison in Budapest.

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The U.S. Chiefs of Staff are interested in the Channel tunnel scheme.

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Large numbers of French Communists are applying for amateur wireless transmitter licences.

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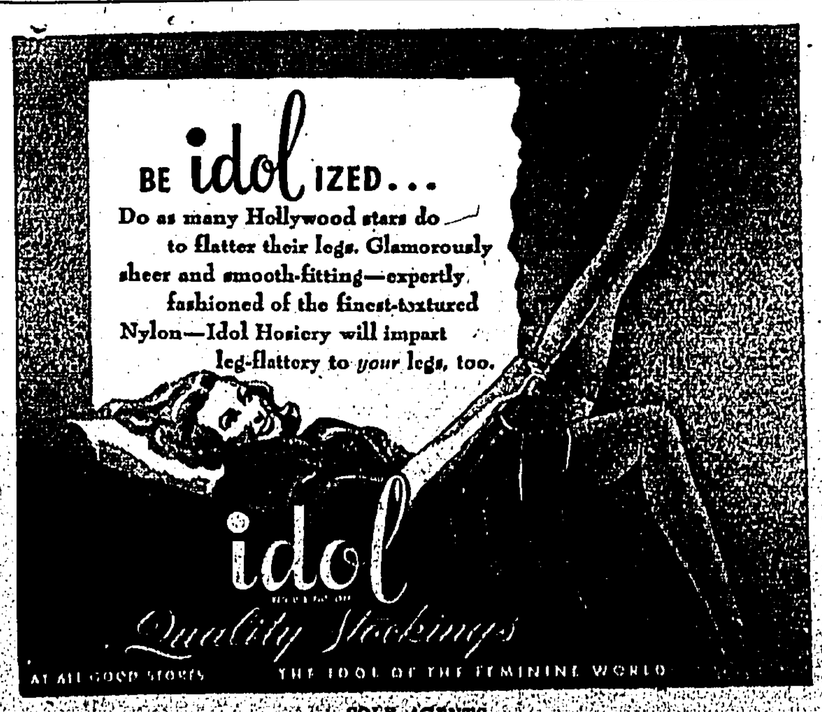

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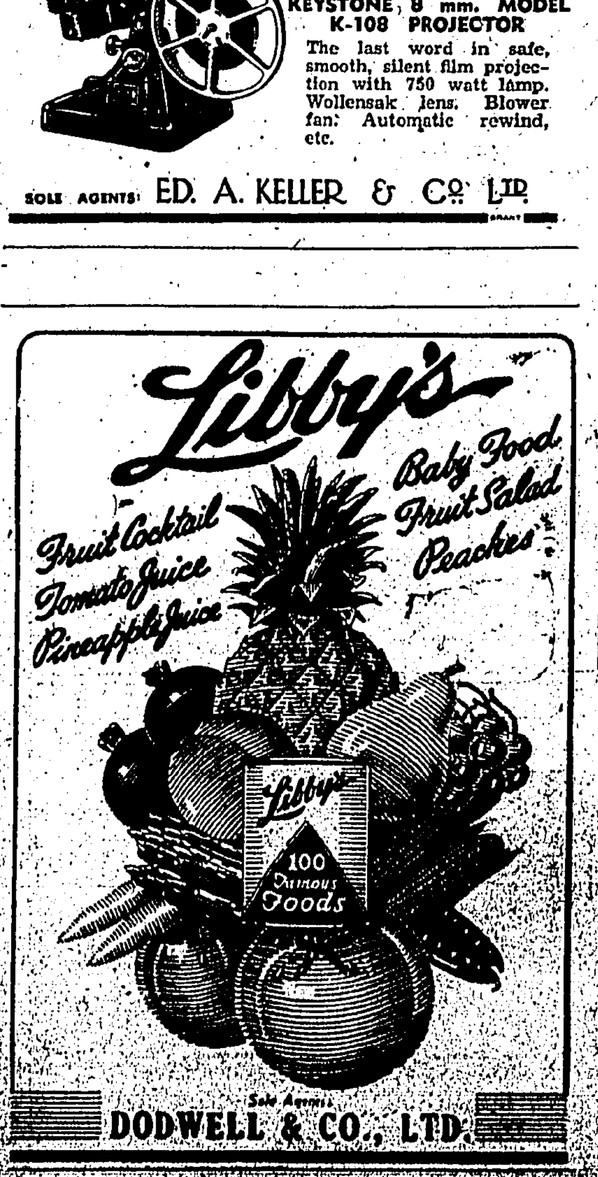

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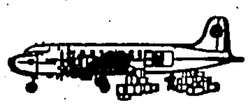

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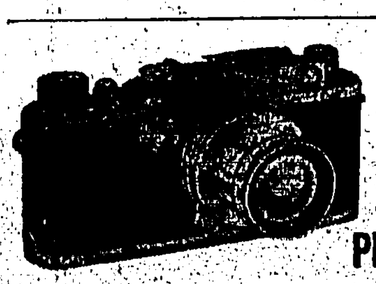

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DEATH

ABBAS—Timothy (Abdul Aziz) passed away on 15th April, 1950. Cortege will leave residence, 29 Village Road, at 5 p.m. today for the Roman Catholic Cemetery.

HOPE RISES IN INDIA

No better choice could be made for the job of mediator in the Kashmir dispute than the Australian jurist and man of affairs, Sir Owen Dixon. He has gained marked distinction in such varied fields as diplomacy, law, and big business.

The Indian sub-continent has not been a source of much comfort to the rest of the world since independence and partition. But for a change, many dispirited by the crude play of Party politics on foreign policy in the United States, the Shanghai evacuation fiasco, and other depressing items turned with relief to happier developments in India. The two Dominions have now, to quote Sardar Patel, "begun to reverse the process" that has been going on ever since they became independent two and a half years ago.

The process had gone so far that they had come to talk openly of war. They were actually on the verge of war. They had committed each other to every act of enmity short of armed warfare: propaganda war, trade war, currency war, and communal conflict. They ranged the world to buy and sell rather than deal with each other, though under the Raj they had long since become complementary in their economic affairs. The public temper had become so ugly that there was hardly an act of sanity by their leaders that did not seem madness or an act of madness that did not seem sanity.

But the last decisive step was not to war—it was to peace. The road to real peace and harmony between the two peoples is a long and hard one, and there will be many checks and frustrations on the way. But the agreement on the treatment of minorities means more perhaps in hope and comfort than all the current examples of human folly. Here at least is something at which to rejoice and be exceeding glad. It is certainly the turning-point in the Indian sub-continent—it may prove to be in the long run the turning-point in all Asia, for peace and unity there will exercise the most profound influence on the rest of the continent.

The agreement on minorities is important in itself in a land whose human storms can go to extremes of fanaticism. It is more important still as part of a process of healing and reconciliation to which the statesmen of both are now committed, if not in a spirit of dedication, at least in a sense of grim realism. It may take as long to get back to the peaceful point of departure as it did to reach the precipice of war, but direction is now more important than pace. That is all the more true in the light of the passions with which the statesmen have to reckon complicated in Bengal by the reactionary Hindu Mahasabha. But each of the two Prime Ministers has declared in the separate legislatures his conviction of the good faith of the other. It is in this confidence that they will progressively tackle the other problems that have set them at bitter variance. These problems had created the atmosphere which brought back communal disorder, and the minorities agreement will not be safe till they are solved.

Transformations are swift in India, especially in the human temper. The agreement and the statesmanlike speeches of Pandit Nehru and Liaquat Ali Khan have brought tension and anger down sharply from boiling-point. The steady implementation of the agreement will prevent, let us hope, the aggravation of popular temper brought about by the continuous movement of refugees and the broadcasting of wildly exaggerated tales. A Minister from either Dominion is to stay in the affected areas and will thus be able to ensure immediate decision on the spot on any problem that arises. Both sides will also appoint a representative of the minorities to the State Councils in East and West Bengal and Assam. That will also be a source of protection against the forces of evil and hysteria.

In the end, of course, everything depends on the satisfactory settlement of the Kashmir dispute. Now that the atmosphere has so much improved, and the two Prime Ministers are to work so closely together in the progressive settlement of all problems, the mediator and plebiscite administrator should find their work less difficult and delicate. At bottom, the Kashmir issue is one of goodwill. Given that, it is by no means insoluble. The main instrument of settlement, a plebiscite, has already been agreed upon.

My choice for the "ATOM-PROOF ARK"

Imagine that some smart scientist stopped horsing around with bombs just long enough to figure out a way of surviving them. Just imagine.

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So anyway he relaxed for a couple of days and designed an anti-atom ark, absolutely foolproof, that would survive a bang which would wipe out everything else.

So there we are with the world's most desirable residence, the one that really has all mod. con. The ugly question immediately comes up—who's going to use it?

I calculate that if you bring this up in the family circle this evening you won't have a friend left by about 10 p.m., closing time.

It got brought up, the other day, in New York (where else?) and the populace held a rather illuminating poll on the matter.

New Yorkers' choice

Asked to decide which four folk they would like to have preserved in order to start up the world again, perceptive New Yorkers voted into the ark General Eisenhower, Jane Russell, Professor Einstein and Ingrid Bergman.

Now tell me the Americans have no sense of humour.

If you can take your mind off yourself for five minutes consecutively, there's fun to be had compiling this short list to end all short lists.

The first pal I put the question to was a dentist. Curiously enough he could see the whole thing crystal-clear: first priority in the ark would obviously be for a dentist. What's worse than toothache? he asked, drilling away like a fiend.

I reminded him that there would be no sweet ration and very little hogging of any sort of rich food for some time after the big bang. He couldn't see my logic.

But no, face it, you're going to be unlucky. Half an hour of this and it's long odds you'll be wondering if you chose the right profession. Still, it's healthy to see yourself as others see you.

I can tell you right off one species there is going to be no room for in the ark, and that's editors. What good is an editor, when you really get down to it? Can he plough? Can he plumb? Can he raise cattle? Can he thatch? Would you call in an editor if you wanted to knock up a car out of the junk lying around? Would you—hell.

No conveyor belt

Anyway, who would want a car? One chap I played this game with nominated Henry Ford. I see now he never was bright.

What did Henry Ford ever do for me? The day I sold my Ford saloon and got myself a little open racer, pillar-box red, no silencer, spring-spoked steering wheel, cutaway sides. I lost my girl. She took up with a floor-walker. He had a Ford saloon.

No mass-producer gets into my ark.

This same chum wanted a scientist, but I cannot see the justice of it. Before you knew what was cooking a scientist would be up to all the old tricks.

Cooking? Now there's something. We have got to have a good cook. And what is cook going to cook? It answers itself. We have got to have a farmer.

All-round farmer

The farmer had better be a pretty sturdy smallholder, used to real work, and a bit of a vet. on the side. While we are on, the cook had better be a tough all-round Mrs. Mopp.

I would take those two for the basis of the team.

This is where it gets tricky. If you allow that the farmer and cook are really capable all-round performers, not above catching a fish, delivering a ewe, thatching a rick, digging a dew-pond, and knocking up a few sticks of furniture, what else is there you want done in our brave new world?

We have already struck editors off the list—and that goes for sub-editors too. In fact we shall not want any business executives, so you can jack up that correspondence course, Clarence.

And you, Mortimer—that sales manager's diploma you are sweating on is not going to get into the ark, so you might just as well make a night of it at the Palais.

It hurts to leave brewers and vintners out, but it will not hurt the couple already aboard to get back to some good old habits that we have neglected and start a private still.

And there will be no politicians to slap a tax on the stuff, either.

Frankly, I don't see a place for insurance experts, do you? If your business is broking you are a broken reed, and if the best you can do is flog nylons in Oxford Street it is too bad, you have had it.

The last two

The entire military profession can turn it in, and I don't see a lot of hope for chromium platers, cadmium coaters, antique dealers, bullion buyers, commis waiters, advertising agents, stage hands, interpreters, night club proprietors, band leaders, office accounting machinery manufacturers, bookies, and (oh goody!) bank managers.

And a lovely thought—there will be no room for haute couture kings, so there won't be any call for fashion writers. If you can imagine that.

Well, it's easy to see who is not wanted, but we've still got two vacancies. I'm inclined to narrow it down to a big poacher and a small builder.

I mean a builder in a small way of business—the sort of man who can plumb and carp and carry the hod.

But obviously we ought to have a doctor, only he will have to make himself darned useful in other ways. Say a poaching doctor, and drop the straight union poacher.

I knew a poaching doctor once, and in fact I know him still, so the less said the better, the law of libel being what it is.

You can't eat art

Talking about the law of libel, we shan't need any lawyers. It almost makes the whole thing worth while.

Somebody is sure to object that this is an earthy and philistine attitude to take towards a new world—a poaching doctor, a farmer, a char, and a builder. (The doctor had better be a woman doctor, come to think of it, and the builder can poach in his spare time).

No artists? No musicians? No scholars? No writers? Bud, we've got to eat.

Anyway, I reckon we should get along. When you're designing a strictly utilitarian society, it's surprising the number of types you can throw overboard and hardly notice it.

Uncle Noah

And anyway, one thing you can be dead sure of. Art will look after itself.

In no time at all there would be chaps scratching pictures on cave walls, just like Nicolas Bentley, and telling stories round the fire, and singing and dancing.

Well, if you don't like my four, just you go ahead and choose your own.

And in case you think Wiggin is behaving unusually decently, leaving himself out of this here ark, let me tell you something. I'm not worried. Im relying on nepotism, as usual.

You see, I have an unfair advantage over all of you. Though nobody will ever believe me, I've got an uncle named Noah.

—By—

Maurice Wiggin

THE FOREIGN OUTLOOK

By Scrutator

Mr. Churchill has made it clear that the Conservatives will give the Labour Government the same general support in foreign affairs as when they were a much smaller body.

This, though expected, is greatly to be welcomed. Nothing could be less desirable than that at such a difficult stage in foreign affairs, our national policy should become the subject of party controversy.

Two of Mr. Churchill's points may be treated as expressions of personal opinion, regarding which the weight of informed thinking is not at present on his side. One is his repeated appeal for an approach again to Russia at the highest level. The other is the proposal to arm Germans for Western defence.

He has been careful to disclaim any re-armament of Germany. But, as Mr. Bevin replied in his blunt way, if you give the Germans arms you re-arm them; and past experience may be thought conclusive against it for the present.

Perhaps when history comes to assess the record of the American, British and French Governments during these pregnant years, the verdict may be that they decided to do the right things, but carried out their decisions too slowly. It was right for Britain, France and Benelux to conclude the Brussels Treaty, but how much difference has it yet made, after two years, to the ease with which Russia could overrun Western Europe? It was right for the United States to make with those and other Powers the North Atlantic Defence Pact; but again the same question asks itself.

It was commonsense that the United States with its vast resources ready to hand should supply tanks and similar mechanisms to an army so short of them as the French. Yet how many have passed to French hands? In each of these cases something has been done, but too little and, it may prove, too late.

The tyrant grip

Whether it will be history's verdict that the Western Governments should have gone further and have taken restraining action against Russia, while they had still an atomic monopoly, we can only guess. Mr. Churchill long ago in his Fulton speech urged that Russia should have been compelled to relax her tyrant grip on the Central European countries. But today she certainly would not do so without war; and perhaps she never would have.

On the side of taking action was the grim lesson of the 'thirties, when our inaction towards Hitler left to him the enormous advantage of attacking us (as the Russians yet may) in his own time. But against it was, and is, the deep repugnance of the democracies to anything that can be dubbed a "preventive war" — a feeling so strong that neither in Great Britain nor in the United States could any Government ignore it. Needless to say, no such scruple would hold back Stalin — witness his war against Finland in 1939-40.

There is, however, one issue regarding which a stronger pressure upon the Russian Government might arguably have achieved its purpose—the issue of Austria. Mr. Younger, the Minister of State, opened his speech by expressing our Government's regret that Austria had still no peace treaty.

It is indeed a lamentable omission, alike unjust and inconsistent. But the sole obstacle always has been the attitude of Russia. Perhaps the best time for overcoming this would have been before we signed those peace treaties with Hungary and Rumania which have delivered them into Moscow's hand. Yet much later, and perhaps even now, the point might have been or be carried by sufficient pressure. It will never be carried otherwise.

Propaganda

Meantime the Western Powers have one great asset. Not only are the peoples under them freer than those under the Soviet, not only have they personal security and justice, but they are better off economically and enjoy higher standards of life. The Soviet, with its Iron Curtain, does all that it can to prevent its subjects from realising this; but facts so obtrusive are apt to be pervasive.

Yet two things remain necessary; one is to keep our standards from falling; the other is to make them known by an adequate propaganda. The first has been achieved not a little by American action, and with the closing of Marshall Aid it will have to be carefully watched.

The second is a sphere in which we lag sadly. Admitting that our opportunities of pro-

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paganda behind the Iron Curtain are very limited, what excuse is there for staffing our work in some of our highest posts with employees who, one after another, go over to the enemy?

Or, again, take countries outside the Curtain. We are told, for instance, that in the African possessions of the Crown nearly every African newspaper is more or less Communist. It would not take much money or much effort to ensure that every African paper worth reading was anti-Communist.

Why is it not done? Simply because the whole tradition of our governing class towards the Press is negative, and they have never realised that to rule contented subjects is an affair of the mind.

BY MULE TRAIN IN MYSTERIOUS TIBET

By G. Ward Price

Travel nowadays is mostly standard. Aeroplane, ship, and train journeys in any part of the world are much the same. But in Tibet you get right back to the Middle Ages and revert to the conditions of Chaucer's Canterbury Tales or Marco Polo's Asiatic wanderings.

Mules and ponies are the only means of transport. There is not a single wheeled vehicle in the whole of this country, seven times the size of Britain.

Food, bedding, and luggage are carried on pack-saddles at an average speed of only two miles an hour — for the going is terrible.

Why these heavily laden animals don't break their legs on the stony mountain slopes is a mystery to me. They skid along ice-covered ledges, between a wall of rock on one side and a sheer abyss on the other, and clamber up stony screes with the agility of goats.

On the mountain track into Tibet the pack-mule ahead of me dropped one leg over the edge of a ravine and sprawled perilously, as if about to roll over the 1,000ft. precipice—but, with a desperate effort, it struggled to its feet again.

Not so very lonely

Ponies are not so surefooted. There are many places where the rider has to dismount and stumble along on foot. The dangers of these mountain passes are indicated by the fact that before the traveller enters Tibet he has to sign a promise to pay compensation for any native servant of his who loses his life on the journey—£40 for a married man and £25 for one who is single.

The way is not so lonely as one may think. Every few miles comes a column of mules, with the deep-toned bells amid the crimson-dyed yak-tails that dangle from their necks clanging solemnly as the animals plod from the interior of Tibet towards India with great bales of raw wool straddling their backs.

Queue-instinct

They wear wire muzzles to prevent them from poisoning themselves by taking a mouthful of the aconite bushes that fringe much of the way, but they have no bridles or headstalls, for they need no guidance. They are so used to marching in single file that they have the queue-instinct developed to the same degree as the modern British housewife.

The only trouble occurs when two queues converge, for the mule blindly follows any hindquarters it sees ahead, so that confusion follows, and much shouting by the blackrobed, furhatted muleteers, each of whom carriers on the right hip a broad dagger in a silver-coloured sheath.

They are accompanied by great, shaggy sheepdogs, which at night guard the zarebas that the mule-drivers build with the wool-packs, to protect them from the wind when no other shelter is available.

Until you have got well into the country by crossing the sharp, snow-covered ridge of Natu-La, about 14,500ft. high, the track is so bad that at times it cannot be distinguished from the rest of the boulder-strewn slope. But a steep and slippery drop of 6,000ft. leads down within eight miles to the Chumbi Valley, which is the most beautiful in Tibet.

Edmund Candler, the *Daily Mail* correspondent who went with the Younghusband Expedition in 1903 and lost an arm in a skirmish with the Tibetan soldiery, wrote that "Paradise would be easier to describe," but added: "What irony that this seductive valley should be the approach to the most bare and unsheltered country in Asia."

It is indeed an attractive gorge, though hardly exceeding in beauty some of those in the Alps and Rocky Mountains. A turbulent green stream, the Ammu Chu, foams along it, and it is said to contain plenty of what are called "snowtrout."

Gift of biscuits

The richness of this valley is reflected in the neat wooden houses of the villages, each with its roof secured against winter gales by orderly rows of boulders laid along it. Except for rough-paved streets and the incredible dirtiness of their inhabitants, these places would almost bear comparison with the remoter Swiss mountain hamlets.

I have been paying calls on the local "trade agents," Indian and Tibetan. The custom of the country requires the presentation of a white scarf as a sort of visiting-card, accompanied by the gift of a box of biscuits.

The Tibetan official lives in a village called Pipithang, two miles from Yatung, where the valley is so narrow that a wall and gatehouse bar the way along it. Here bronze-faced, wrinkled, turquoise-ear ringed inspectors subject the stranger to close scrutiny. It is the first frontier station of the road into Tibet.

A guard of soldiers, armed with modern rifles, lends authority to this scrutiny, and I had evidence of the severity of Tibetan discipline when I called on the local magistrate in his spacious, Chinese-style house, with cloistered courtyards, in one of which, were the instruments of law and order.

They consisted of a sort of wooden "horse" over which the offender is spread to be flogged with heavy plaited whips (having handles about 3ft. long) which hung on the wall. There was also that Chinese instrument like a horizontal pillory, with a hole in a broad, flat board through which the culprit's head is thrust, with an inscription setting forth his misdeeds.

Genial curiosity

The arrival of a European has aroused much genial curiosity in Yatung. A string of giggling small children followed me about as I tried one small shop after another in the futile hope of buying a towel.

A towel in Tibet? It is like looking for a warming-pan in the Sahara — nobody uses them. Yet the white teeth and ruddy complexions beneath incrustations of dirt on the smiling faces of these Yatung urchins suggest that washing is not indispensable to well-being.

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SNAGS IN TALKS ON BRITISH RECOGNITION OF PEKING REGIME

London, April 14.

The Foreign Office said today that despite the difficulties of establishing diplomatic relations with the Chinese Communist Government, the British have no intention of withdrawing their recognition of the Peking regime.

Britain recognised the Peking Government on January 6 but diplomatic relations have not yet been fully established.

The Chinese Communists are understood to have raised two main questions concerning the British policy.

1. The British attitude to the Chinese representation in the United Nations, particularly since the British delegate abstained from the vote on the Russian resolution to unseat the Chinese Nationalist delegate to the Security Council.

2. What the British Government intends to do regarding property owned by the Chinese Nationalists in various parts of the Commonwealth and Empire.

The British Government is understood to have replied to the Peking Government's questions on March 17, since when there has been no further contact between the Chinese Foreign Office and the British Charge d'Affaires in Peking.

Informed sources said the only contact the British representative is able to make with the Chinese Government is through the Embassy of a Soviet satellite power.

Peking's silence

So far there has been no indication whether the Peking Government regards the British reply as satisfactory.

Members of the House of Lords and the Commons are planning to raise the question of Britain's relations with China when Parliament reconvenes next week.

The weekly "Economist," in a special article entitled "Policy for Asia," said today that the forthcoming conference of Commonwealth representatives at Sydney should include Americans.

The article said, "The struggle in Asia will be long. Free nations are accepting a challenge that will last a generation or more. But if their co-operation must last over decades it must begin to be effective at once."

"The Economist" said that so far the Western powers have done little more than to recognise that a policy for Asia is necessary.

Anglo-U.S. Co-operation

It praised the Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, for making American bi-partisan foreign policy a major concern of the Administration because it would serve to resolve the unfortunate division between Democrats and Republicans.

On this bipartisan American policy it said, the closest possible co-operation must be built between the United States and the Commonwealth as the first essential to the success of a Western policy in Asia.

It said, "Mr Acheson has expressed interest in the Commonwealth conference which is to meet in Sydney next month to discuss economic assistance to South East Asia to which other interested powers, such as Holland and France, are apparently to be invited."

"The Economist" added that the Communists have already held such a council of war with their trade union leaders in Peking.—United Press.

Melbourne, April 14.

Sir Albert Dunstan, former Premier of Victoria for 10 years while leader of the Country Party and one of the most notable figures in the State's political history, died suddenly tonight. He was 68. — Associated Press.

BIG THREE TALKS ON GERMANY

Washington, April 14.

The future of Germany is expected to be the main European topic at the "Big Three" Foreign Ministers' conference in London next month, but American Government officials warn against expecting any spectacular decisions.

The overall objective of the British, French and American Foreign Ministers' talks on Germany will be to consider generally her integration—both political and economic—into Europe, and to settle a number of specific problems.

Among these may be:

Terms for the settlement of debt claims against Germany and the related question of opening up Germany for the investment of foreign capital.

The distribution of jurisdictional powers in the Ruhr Authority.

The possibility of formally ending the state of war with Germany.

The economic troubles of Western Berlin.

And what to do about the 9,000,000 refugees who have entered West Germany since 1945 from the East and the related questions of unemployment and shortage in the West.

But Government officials here emphasise that the Foreign Ministers are unlikely to make any major policy decision comparable to the Petersberg Protocol last year which established the West German Republic.

No action is expected on the Occupation Statute because it does not come up for review until autumn this year, but the American Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, is expected to give his colleagues a "preview" of the American attitude towards the Statute in its present form.—Reuter.

GERMAN TRADE WITH CHINA

Frankfurt, April 14.

Limited German trade with China will be facilitated when the licensing of most German exports is turned over to the West German Government some time next week.

A special German agency will be set up to take over the licensing powers at present held by the Allies, with certain exceptions.

The Allied high Commission will continue to exercise controls over shipments of highly critical goods to Communist countries. These includes such items as machine tools, big diesels and chemicals.

All other goods can be shipped without Allied approval to any area, including Communist countries, if the amount is not considered unreasonably high.

The Germans, for example, will be able to ship steel rails to China without Allied approval, although the Allies have previously refused to export licences for shipment of 100,000 tons. The Allies later approved a smaller order for 15,000 tons to that country.

The West German Government has already prepared regulations covering new export procedures. These will be announced when the Government formally takes over most export licensing from the Allies.

The main change from the present procedures involves the transfer to the Germans of licensing power over the so-called lesser war potential goods, such as lead and ball bearings.—Associated Press.

The careless Mr. Allen

Las Vegas, Nevada, April 15.

President Truman's friend and adviser, Mr. George Allen, got careless while shooting craps at a gambling casino here and lost his wallet containing $2,000 and valuable papers, it was disclosed today.

The loss was reported to the sheriff's office as soon as Mr. Allen discovered his wallet was missing, about midnight April 7, but the information did not become public until today. Mr. Allen, who is on vacation here, said the papers in the wallet were "more valuable to me than the $2,000." It was just carelessness," he added.

He reported that he was playing at a crap table and did not know whether he had left it there when he departed or whether it dropped to the floor.—United Press.

Britain gets the budget jitters

London, April 14.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, returned to London today with the 1951 budget in his briefcase as shopkeepers got their annual attack of budget jitters.

Smokers reported a city-wide shortage of cigarettes as tobacconists refused delivery of next week's supplies in the hopes that the Chancellor would announce a tax cut in the House of Commons on Tuesday afternoon.

Sir Stafford's stay at his country home ended as the Government's wage freeze policy began to give way. One and a quarter million members of 37 affiliated engineering and shipbuilding workers unions began balloting yesterday to decide whether to strike in support of demands for a blanket raise of £1 per week or submit to arbitration. —United Press.

British business in Japan

London, April 14.

A "London Times" correspondent in Tokyo says today that British businessmen in Japan believe the time has come for the British Government to take action for the protection of its nationals against mistaken policies of General MacArthur's Headquarters.

Reporting on the proposed Japanese tax on foreigners, "the Times" said, "General MacArthur's Headquarters holds the mistaken view that foreign businessmen are hardly necessary for the rehabilitation of Japan's economy.

The report reviews events that forced British subjects—many of whom still have extensive claims against the Japanese for losses inflicted on them during the war—to beg for relief from excessive tax proposals. That proposals for compelling British subjects to contribute large sums from their personal income to pay for the costs of a war which Japan herself provoked is taken as an alarming indication of the state of mind of the Japanese Government and of General MacArthur's Headquarters.

"The Times" report said the British Government had expressed willingness to oppose the proposed tax legislation until it became law. "But since the Foreign Office appears to believe that British business interests in Japan are General—MacArthur's province and acts on the assumption that they are under Japanese control, the British Government had difficulty in finding a right person to accept their protests."

Sir Alvary Gasgoigne, British representative in Tokyo, was not permitted to have any official dealing with the Japanese Government. "The British community feels strongly that the time has come for the Government at home to take steps to protect the interests of its nationals here and to prevent renewal of the Japanese Government's threats."—United Press.

Trygve Lie may go to Moscow

Lake Success, April 14.

The United Nations Secretary-General, Trygve Lie, will probably go to Moscow next month. There is something of importance to discuss with the Kremlin in connection with the deadlock in the world organisation, he said.

He made it clear at his Press conference that no final decision has been made for him to visit the Soviet capital during a three-week trip to Europe.

But he announced that Konstantin Zinchenko, the Russian Assistant Secretary-General in charge of Security Council affairs, will accompany him to Europe because if the trip to Moscow should be arranged, he would be helpful on the trip.

Mr. Lie plans to visit the Foreign Ministries in London and Paris for consultations with the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, and the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, if the latter's health permits, Mr. Lie said: "If Generalissimo Stalin is in Moscow, I will probably see him."

He said: "If I have time and deem it necessary, I will inform the Foreign Office in Moscow that I am in Europe, if they want to see me or I want to see them. In Paris or Geneva I will decide whether to go to Moscow."

Despite his preparations for exhaustive talks in Europe, Mr. Lie holds little hope for a quick settlement of the United Nations impasse, centred about the Soviet demand for the expulsion of the Chinese Nationalists in favour of Mao Tse-tung's Peking Communists.

No way out

"As far as I can judge," Mr. Lie said, "the Chinese situation is unchanged. The deadlock is there, and I can't see any positive way in which the question can be solved at this time or within the next five or six weeks.

"I still hope the question can be solved before the next meeting of the General Assembly." That meeting will be in September.

Mr. Lie plans to discuss all aspects of the deadlock in the world organisation with the British and French Foreign Offices while in Europe. It was accidental that he was going to Europe just before the Big Three Western Foreign Ministers and the Council of the North Atlantic Pact nations held their meetings.

He did not know whether the Big Three could work out a solution to the United Nations impasse precipitated by Russia's insistence that the Chinese Nationalists be expelled in favour of the Peking Communists.—United Press.

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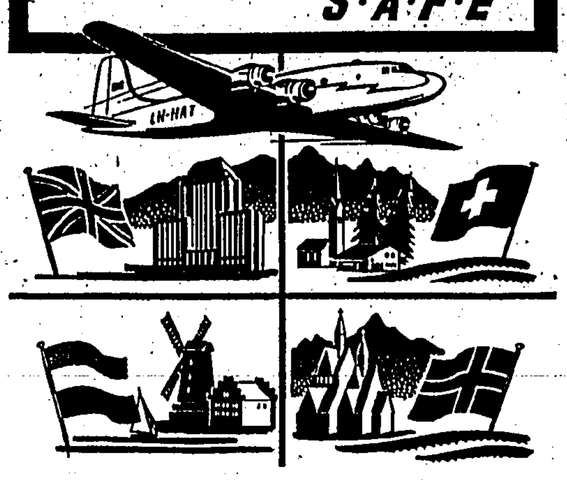

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Fabian of the Yard--No. 22:

THE WEIRD CASE OF THE INVISIBLE THIEF

By Superintendent Robert Fabian

"What a pity you don't dance!" declared the little pink card. Elderly Mr. Arnold Babbacombe picked it up to read it with some surprise.

He had not seen anybody put the card on his restaurant table in this West End Cabaret-cafe. Perhaps it was the waiter, or the wine waiter, the man with the hors d'oeuvres trolley, or the tall girl in flared tulle skirt and black net stockings who was selling cigarettes and dolls. It could even have been put there by one of the dancing couples who swirled within a few inches of his table.

Mr. Babbacombe turned the card over. Then his plump face creased into a comprehending smile. It was simply an advertisement for a dancing school, and not—as he had at first rather foolishly allowed himself to think—a romantic message!

"The modern Charleston a speciality at the Lucille Demury School of Dancing. Strictly Private Lessons. Moderate fees." The address was in Burlington Gardens.

It was that turbulent year of the General Strike, 1926. The hectic American Charleston was becoming the crazy fashion of London's West End.

Robbed—from pinned Wallet

Mr. Arnold Babbacombe, who was in London on business, drank his coffee and liqueur, paid his luncheon bill, waddled out of the restaurant and—after a moment's hesitation and consulting of his weighty gold watch, raised his gloved hand for a taxi.

"Burlington Gardens, cabby!" he said...

Nineteen hours later, I was sent from the CID room at Vine Street police station, where I was a detective-constable, to the manager's suite at the hotel where Mr Babbacombe was staying. Mr. Babbacombe was loudly accusing a pretty, weeping Irish chambermaid of theft.

"It's scandalous!" he panted, grasping my arm. "I've been robbed, and I want satisfaction! That hussy has taken £40 from my wallet, and I demand that she be arrested at once!"

The door opened. It was the hotel detective. "Hullo, Bob!" he said. He was an ex-Metropolitan Police sergeant, retired. "This is a bit of a puzzle. It seems he keeps his wallet pinned inside his inner breast-pocket with a safety-pin. The wallet is not missing, but this morning, when Mr. Babbacombe went to the hotel bar to get a drink before lunch, he found his money was gone!

"No pickpocket would be quick and clever enough to rob a man of the contents of his wallet and put the actual wallet back again, re-fasten the safety-pin . . . it doesn't make sense!"

It looked serious for the chambermaid. Yet when I spoke to her, I was impressed by her protests of innocence.

I considered for a few moments. Then I said: "Do you mind if I have a word with Mr. Babbacombe alone?" I beckoned him into the corridor.

"You haven't been taking dancing lessons recently, have you, sir?"

"But, Baby, it's cold outside!"

He blushed.

"Did you get a little pink card thrust at you in some restaurant or bar?"

Blush deepens

His blush deepened. He stuttered: "Well—yes—but..." Then I explained that Mr. Babbacombe was the 11th worthy citizen within two weeks in the area covered by Vine Street CID who had lost the contents of his wallet in mysterious circumstance. Each victim shared two points of similarity: they were affluent and they had been taking dancing lessons!

"You mean to say," panted Mr. Babbacombe when I had explained certain matters to him, "that the instructress at this dancing school picked my pocket, rifled the wallet and returned it without my noticing?"

"No," I said cautiously. "I don't say that is what happened. But you can help me by describing what you did in detail from the moment you stepped out of your taxi at Burlington Gardens until you returned to your hotel."

Mr. Babbacombe told me. He described how he went up two flights of uncarpeted stairs at the Demury Dancing Academy, which was situated over a furniture shop.

He even drew me a sketch of the dancing school. A room about 20ft. by 24ft., with a slanted studio skylight along one side and a smaller window at the far end of the adjoining wall. There was a strip of carpet in front of the hearth, where a big fire burned, and a gramophone against the distant wall.

The only other furniture was a sofa, two or three wooden chairs, a clock on the mantelpiece, and a religious calendar. I congratulated Mr. Babbacombe upon his good memory. Few men could describe a room in which they have spent half an hour.

Describing his visit to the dance school, he said the doorbell had been answered by a woman about 26 years old, with close-shingled dark hair and the slender, boyish figure of the era. "I'm just finishing a lesson," she said pleasantly. "But if you care to wait I can give you half an hour's lesson afterwards."

Mr. Babbacombe paid his fee of 10 shillings and began gingerly exploring the frisky technicalities of the Charleston with the instructress.

"Any chance of your wallet being robbed during this lesson?"

"Positively not!" said Mr. Babbacombe firmly. "As a matter of fact, she suggested I remove my jacket as the room was stuffy. I did so and hung it over a chair.

"As soon as the lesson ended, I put my coat on and felt my wallet in my pocket, still fastened with a safety-pin."

"Did she go near the jacket?"

I waited on the roof

Mr. Babbacombe considered carefully. "Only once—she picked up the chair and moved it back a few feet, but she lifted it with both hands and never touched my coat."

This, in brief, was the problem of Mr. Babbacombe's wallet. It was very like the problems of the other victims. Some of them said: "Why don't you arrest the woman?"

How could I? Not one of her victims could say that she had the slightest chance of stealing their wallets.

Yet somebody had. In two weeks the haul totalled £380!

I went that afternoon to Burlington Gardens. On the opposite side of the road to the Demury Dancing School was a tall building.

I had a chat with the caretaker, who was a member of the Corps of Commissionaires, and trustworthy. He took me up the stairs to the roof skylight, and I found a perch behind one of the chimney-stacks, from which I could see down into the studio skylight of the dancing school. It was in darkness.

I waited nearly an hour. Dusk deepened. Then a taxi stopped outside. A lithe young woman entered the building. A moment later the lights went on in the dancing school.

Puzzle of the roaring fire

I watched the young woman put coal on the glowing fire and spend several minutes wafting it into a roaring blaze. This puzzled me for a few minutes. It was cold enough on the roof where I sat, but surely not so frosty in the room across the way?

It was obvious she was expecting a dance pupil. In a little while he arrived.

The pupil was a middle aged man, prosperously dressed with a heavy gold watch-chain across his corpulence. They shook hands. Then the instructress put a record on the gramophone. I could not hear the music, but it must have been a lively tempo, for she had the pupil stepping energetically until it was not long before he stood panting for breath, dabbing at his forehead with a white handkerchief.

It was a ludicrous sight, watching two people dance to music one could not hear—like seeing two goldfish gone crazy in a bowl. The couple danced again, then the instructress seemed to say something to the man, who took off his jacket.

He placed it over the back of a chair at the far side of the room. I switched my field-glasses from the dancing couple and kept them focussed on the jacket. As I watched an amazing thing happened. The wooden chair was edging itself slowly towards the little window!

Thief wore a safety belt

Hastily I clambered down the attic skylight and raced down four flights of stairs into the street.

My task was to get round to the back of the dancing school, beneath that little window, before I was too late. I had to go right round that block, over a wall, across the yard of a lock-up shop—then I was just in time to see a shadowy figure as it edged along a perilous ledge, two storeys above me.

The man seemed to be leaning away from the wall of the house, his toes on a ledge no wider than my hand. He worked his way about 10 feet to the fire-escape. He swung his leg over it—and I saw him unbuckle some kind of safety-belt.

"That was ingenious!" I murmured in his ear as he reached the bottom rung of the fire-escape, alongside where I stood against the wall's shadows.

He almost jumped out of his clothes.

"Blimey!" he said. For we recognised each other at once. I had arrested him two years earlier for a daring warehouse robbery.

"It's 'Ginger' McLennan, isn't it?"

He nodded sadly. "Just our perishing luck, guv'nor," he said. "Next week the old girl would have been in Birmingham. We fixed up new premises there!"

He went with me to the Demury Dancing School, where the portly pupil was amazed to discover £65 missing from his wallet.

We find the secret

However, at Vine Street, when we searched McLennan, (and found the £65 tucked in his sock) it was not difficult to discover the secret of the "gliding chair." In McLennan's jacket pocket was a beautifully-made "lazy tongs" of light metal, made like the old-style toys which extended their criss-cross bars with a golliwog at the end. Only this device reached out five feet.

While his wife kept the victim's attention, having first persuaded him to shed his jacket, McLennan stole up the fire-escape, fixed a safety-belt, then edged along a ledge that was only five inches wide, until he reached the tiny window!

The window was kept oiled, and opened noiselessly. McLennan would reach for the chair with his extending tongs. The wooden chair, on smooth runner-studs glided across the polished floor until he could reach for the wallet, extract the money and replace both it and the chair, while the victim remained unaware.

Then, even if the victim suspected he had been robbed at the "Dancing School" he could never prove it—the chair wasn't touched, wasn't even near a wall or window!

McLennan and the talented young dancer who called herself Lucille Demury but whose real name was Mrs. McLennan, received 18 months and 12 months, respectively, at the Old Bailey for conspiring to steal.

But Mr. Babbacombe was not among the witnesses for the prosecution. "If my wife discovered I was taking lessons in the Charleston I should never hear the end of it!" he said.

NEXT WEEK: Fabian tells what happened when the American gunmen came to London.

NEW YORK LETTER

In a sensational magazine article just published, the first atomic explosion of the third World War took place at 5.42 p.m. of an unstated day in the City of New York.

Minutes later, another followed in Washington, D.C. A fleet of unidentified schnorkel - equipped submarines was cruising off the Eastern shores of the United States...an air raid alert had been sounded in Chicago.

The day after this article appeared, General Leslie Groves, who was in charge of the war-time atom bomb project, went down to Newark, New Jersey, where the citizens were learning about the do's and don'ts of atomic bombs and isotopes through the auspieces of an "Atomic Energy Week." Said the General:

"New York will be one of the first targets of any atomic bombing, and such an attack will set off the greatest panic in the history of the world. They'll probably drop seven or eight atom bombs or one or two hydrogen bombs. They'll choose New York for prestige..."

I am sure General Groves did not feel he was contributing to a war scare, and the magazine was eager to convince its readers that it was only carrying its story, in effect, to awaken Americans to the fact that "it could happen here."

People are talking

But people are talking a lot these days in terms of intercontinental bombers, suicide missions, houses in the country, hydrogen bombs and schnorkel-equipped submarines.

That is why General Eisenhower performed another public service when he testified before a Congressional subcommittee on his earlier remark that in some ways the United States had disarmed beyond the point of national security.

"His testimony," said Mr. Stephen Early, Deputy Secretary of Defence, "should go far to clarify the confused thinking of many Americans concerning these closely interwoven and hitherto highly controversial issues."

Can we win?

Briefly, the issue is this. Has the United States the military power to back up the Total Diplomacy and lead-from-strength policy of its President and Secretary of State? Interwoven with this issue are the more obvious questions Americans are asking: "Are we doing all we can to stop another war? If war comes, can we win it before we are blown off the map?

In his original speech at Columbia University, New York, Eisenhower provided one of the answers. It was the basis for his subsequent testimony.

"Until war is eliminated from international relations, unpreparedness for it is well nigh as criminal as war itself."

The figures

Against that background, it is necessary to record the following statistics.

The United States Army has 10 divisions, one of them armoured, one of them airborne. These formations, of World War II size, are well-trained, well-equipped. They are led by World War II commanders.

The United States Navy, also of high quality, comprises a battleship described by its admiral as "as dead as the dodo," 15 aircraft carriers, 13 cruisers, 140 destroyers, 70 submarines 414 support craft.

The United States Air Force has about 3,300 bombers, fighters and troop carriers, with 5,000 support and supply carriers in reserve. This force is organised in 48 groups.

Ally this strength to that of the Atlantic Pact nations, remember the problems of deploying the U.S. forces which would be 3,000 miles from the front, remember the difficulties in deploying forces of a Western nation under actual attack and compare that strength to Russia's known 140 divisions, 30 armoured divisions, 17,000 planes and 270 submarines.

Against the background of those statistics, President Truman's and Secretary Acheson's policy appears to be one of the greatest gambles of our time.

A calculated risk

Truman is taking a calculated risk, based on the well-documented thesis that Russia will undermine rather than fight, that Communism will feed on hunger and poverty wherever it finds it, that it will subvert established Governments on the Czech model rather than invade by force of arms.

Therefore, the main American effort in the Cold War has been economic. The objective: a higher standard of living in non-Communist countries.

In line with this risk, Truman has refused to sanction anything more than a 48-group Air Force (when the airmen, Congressmen and their constituents were urging an expansion to 70). His Defence Budget was reduced to $13,200,000—below the original requirements of the Chiefs of Staff. His Defence Secretary, Mr. Louis Johnson, has chipped and pared the Service estimates in the interests of the vote-getter, national economy. Old planes are not being replaced, more ships are being laid up.

The risk was becoming more dangerous, less calculated.

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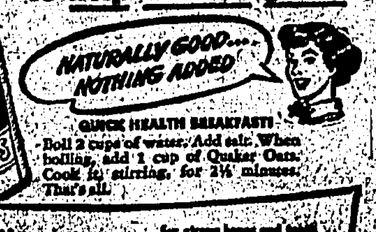

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Unravelling the mystery

A first Sunday article told how "flying saucers" of various descriptions had been reported from 43 out of the 48 States of America. It quoted the case of U. S. Air Force pilot Captain Thomas Mantell, whose body and disintegrated plane were found after an air-to-ground conversation in which he said that he was trying to catch up with a "tremendous metallic thing" in the sky. It also detailed evidence of mysterious objects seen by other American pilots.

What is the explanation of these mysterious appartitions—the flying saucers? Undoubtedly some of them could be instances of the secret stratospheric rocket experiments being carried out at Los Alamos, New Mexico,

By Richard Greenough

where rockets are known to have been fired and to have reached 250 miles high.

Others could probably be some of the radar target balloons with six-cornered aluminium foil trailers which oscillate and scintillate in the sun and wind, or the new cosmic ray test balloons capable of rising 70,000ft. or more

When these balloons leave the ground they are filled to only one per cent capacity with helium, but when they reach great heights they fill out to 100ft. long and 70ft. in diameter.

Donald Keyhoe naval pilot, one-time aide to Colonel Lindbergh, and lately Chief of Information at the Aeronautics Branch of the United States Department of Commerce, has recently expounded a theory in an article in "True" magazine, published in New York.

"For the past 175 years, the planet Earth has been under systematic close-range examination by living, intelligent observers from another planet," he writes (and I pass on this news without comment).

Three types

The vehicles used for such observations, he says, have been identified and categorised as follows:

Type I., a small non-pilot-carrying, disc-shaped aircraft equipped with some sort of television or impulse transmitter.

Type II., a very large, up to 250ft. in diameter metallic disc-shaped aircraft operating on the helicopter principle.

Type III., a dirigible-shaped, wingless aircraft.

These, he maintains, "vary in no important particular from well-developed American plans for the exploration of space expected to come to fruition in the next 50 years. . . ."

In some support of this I learned from the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics that circular or elliptical air-foils (wing surfaces) like the reported discs are quite possible aerodynamically.

But there are many people in the United States, even in high places who believe these aerial manifestations are part of some colossally top-secret experiments carried out by the Air Force, who used their "Project Saucer" investigators merely as a blind.

Senator Clinton Anderson, who comes from New Mexico, where the great Los Alamos atomic plant and the Army's guided missile testing-ground are located, is convinced flying discs are not figments of the imagination.

"I believe something big is under way," he says. "There is too much going on in those large research centres in my State to pooh-pooh the numerous eye-witness stories of flying saucers and other mysterious devices roaring over the countryside.

"I am convinced you are going to be surprised about where these 'flying saucers are coming from and what they really are when the facts are finally made known. I think they have a direct relation to the atomic programme."

In a recent broadcast, commentator Henry J. Taylor, from Dallas, Texas, said: "The saucers are not from another planet, not from Russia, but right here from the United States."

Taylor went on to say investigations had convinced him they were some type of guided missile which disintegrates after a given period in mid-air.

My own ideas

These are typical views held by some important people here in America. Modestly, as a former RAF pilot I am inclined to think these "flying saucers" are real.

I do not think they are orbiting space ships from another planet, circling way up beyond the pull of gravity, or satellites sent down to spy out the earth from some space base.

The Germans had long-range plans for space platforms, and similar schemes are being worked on in the United States.

Where this the case, I feel that one of the "saucers" which has ventured down well within earth's gravity pull would have crashed and been discovered by now.

I am of the opinion that some of the "saucers" seen are man-made and part of some fantastic and fabulous secret.

The kidnapped general

By JOHN BINGHAM

How two young British agents dressed as German soldiers kidnapped a German general and spirited him away to Cairo and captivity has now been told by one of the men concerned.

The victim was Major-General Karl Kreipe, of the 22nd Panzer Division, commander of all the German troops on the island of Crete.

He was captured in April 1944 while driving back to his house after a game of cards with some brother officers. The agents who carried out this incredibly daring exploit, with the aid of Cretan guerillas, were Major "Paddy" Leigh-Fermor and Captain W. Stanley Moss; the former parachuted into Crete, the latter landed by boat.

Here is what happened.

First, they ascertained the approximate time when the general usually returned from his headquarters, and the appearance of his car. At an appropriate spot on the road Moss and Leigh-Fermor, dressed in German uniforms, waited. Nearby, Cretans were hidden to signal the car's approach and to help in the fight.

Worried over his hat

In his book, "Ill Met By Moonlight" Moss writes: "Paddy switched on his red lamp and I held up a traffic signal, and together we stood in the centre of the junction.

"In a moment—far sooner than we had expected—the powerful headlamps of the general's car swept round the bend and we found ourselves floodlit. The chauffeur, on approaching the corner, slowed down.

"Paddy shouted, 'Halt!'

"The car stopped. We walked forward rather slowly, and as we passed the beams of the headlamps we drew our ready-cocked pistols from behind our backs and let fall the life-preservers from our wrists.

"As we came level with the doors of the car Paddy asked: '*Ist dies das General's Wagen?*' There came a muffled '*Ja, ja,*' from inside. Then everything happened very quickly. There was a rush from all sides."

The chauffeur reached for his automatic and was knocked out. The general was dragged out "struggling with fury, lashing out with his arms and legs. He obviously thought he was going to be killed, and started shouting every curse under the sun at the top of his voice."

He was particularly concerned about his hat, and kept imploring. "Where is my hat? Where is my hat?"

The hat was on Leigh-Fermor's head, as part of the escape plan.

Thereafter, with Moss driving and Leigh-Fermor by his side wearing the general's hat, and three Cretans keeping the general quiet behind, they drove past convoys of German soldiers, crowds of German soldiers in the streets of Heraklion—and no fewer than 22 road control posts.

Colourful adventure

When called upon to halt they would either drive up to the sentry at snail's pace, so that he could see the general's pennants on the car, and the general's hat, and then gently accelerate past him, or, if they had to come to a halt, Leigh-Fermor shouted, "*General's Wagen!*" as the sentry approached — and off they went with a cheery "*Gute Nacht!*"

Everybody saluted the general's car.

Thereafter came days and nights of excitement, hardship and exposure as they evaded German patrols and made their way over the mountains until they were eventually taken off by a British naval vessel.

Written by a young man with a sense of humour, who knows his classics, this is one of the finest, most colourful adventure books I have ever read.

POWER UNDER GOD

By THE BISHOP OF SOUTHWELL

When His Majesty opens a new Parliament he reads a speech prepared by the Government as his constitutional advisers. The Crown itself is above all party and all policy, personifying and interpreting that continuing life of the community of which the State is but the legal organ and from which its human authority derives.

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It is not responsibility to men alone. The Speech from the Throne ends with the prayer "that the blessing of God may rest upon your labours." In those traditional words there is implied the whole Christian theology of politics. They assume that the exercise of government is in accordance with the will of God—for, if not, how can He be asked to bless it?—and may be divinely guided and inspired. This belief is expressed day by day in the prayers that begin the sessions in both Houses. Politics can never, perhaps, be altogether Christian, but they can be founded on Christian moral principle; and that means on the acknowledgement of God as ultimate Sovereign over earthly kingdoms.

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Christianity holds a high view of the State. As the temporal condition of the good life it is part of God's providential order. It exists to serve a moral end, and may therefore be said to be ordained of God and to have at least a conditional divine right. But that sets a drastic limit to its pretensions. There is no "right divine to govern wrong." The State itself is under the law of God.

When the State claims to be the creator, rather than the guardian, of law, and to be its own final court of appeal, it defies the prerogative of God, and opens the way to tyranny and corruption. Here is the central issue of modern politics.

"Have a rest now, Miss Downs!"

For a good cause

By Sir Oliver Harvey

In spite of recent appeals and generous donations the financial state of the Hertford British Hospital in Paris is critical. The history of the hospital is interesting and is in a sense bound up with the Entente Cordiale.

Anglo-French friendship even in the early nineteenth century led to the establishment of a large British colony in Paris. So much so that in 1871 Sir Richard Wallace, the distinguished art Patron, who was also much interested in social welfare, invited the British Embassy in Paris to assist him in setting up a hospital there for the medical and surgical treatment of poor British subjects. In 1870 the hospital was opened in the presence of the Prince of Wales, who later as Edward VII played such a prominent part in Anglo-French relations.

On Sir Richard Wallace's death his widow made over the lands and buildings of the hospital to the British Government and provided an endowment fund, to ensure its maintenance on its existing footing, its government being vested in a Committee of Management consisting of prominent British subjects living in Paris and members of the staff of the Embassy.

The hospital was named by the Wallace family after the Marquis of Hertford, from whom Sir Richard inherited his possessions. Sir Richard had lived through the siege of Paris, and it was the medical and ambulance service which he introduced at that critical moment in the history of France that led him to found this British Hospital for the care of British subjects in Paris.

Every effort

During the last 70 years the hospital has made every effort to keep abreast of the times, and in its services today is providing far more facilities to British subjects than was foreseen by its founder.

Commensurately, the gap between expenditure and receipts has inevitably widened: the original donation, which 70 years ago provided a steady income sufficient to cover the cost of maintenance, is now sufficient for less than two months' expenditure in every year. Nevertheless, the hospital has played its part valiantly and has carried the burden of all demands made upon it. It did so notably in both world wars.

Today, the Hertford British Hospital has more than 60 beds. There are wards for chronic cases of old and destitute patients and a modern maternity block. Up-to-date theatre facilities, supported by X-ray services, a large out-patients' department, including a dental section, and British resident doctors supported by a long list of distinguished French consultants, complete the services of the foundation, which, with its charming garden, make the hospital not only a model of its kind but a haven for the sick.

The fully qualified nursing staff are British, and the homely English atmosphere so successfully created by their devotion provides relief to English people overcome by sickness in a foreign land.

The needs of British subjects in post-war conditions have added to the financial burden of the hospital, and in recent years nearly twice as many patients have called upon it than was the case before the war. Even the latest step in Anglo-French relations, the reciprocal social security agreement, has added to rather than reduced the hospital's financial burden. This agreement excludes from the free provision of medical services in France those British subjects there for a period of less than six months, whether they travel for pleasure or for business. Thus their only possibility of medical attention in Paris in an English atmosphere lies in the Hertford Hospital.

Hospital's income

The hospital has to spend £45,000 annually. The income from appeals, donations, paying patients and from French official sources in respect of those patients who may come under the French social insurance scheme was last year £35,000.

This year's estimated deficit, therefore, amounts to £10,000, and it is a gap which for ever widens, since the constant increase in the cost of living, while adding to the charge of the hospital's maintenance, makes it at the same time more and more difficult for generous patrons to maintain their contributions.

Unless this gap can be bridged, there will be no course for the hospital but to close its doors. This is unthinkable; the sentimental, prestige and practical arguments for keeping the hospital open are overwhelming. The gap, therefore, must be closed, and only by turning to those at home can we bridge it.

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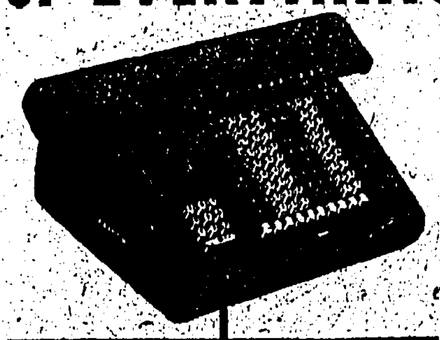

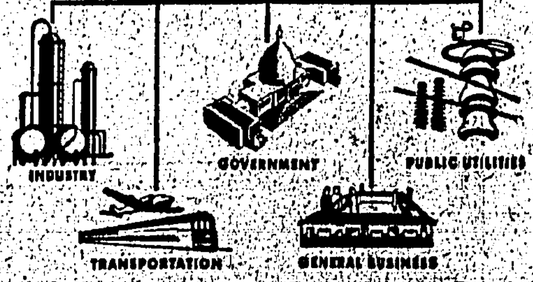

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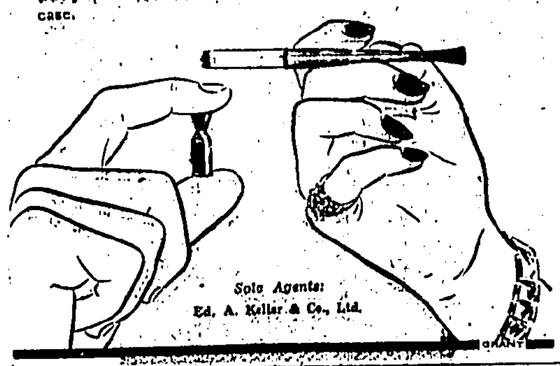

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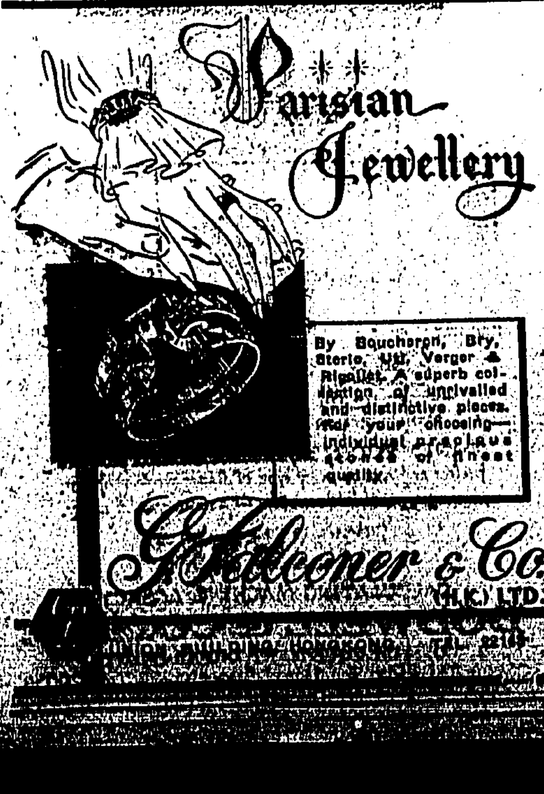

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Between Ourselves

DRESSED TO GO BEACHCOMBING

By CHRISTINE JACKSON

Fresh young clothes that are comfortable, practical to wear, wonderful to look at. The beautiful bulk of the new beach coats, the camisole tops for snug little swim suits.

The middy—knee-length knickers and long shorts. And look for the wide-top effect of pushed-down V necks, collared or scooped out.

Underlying colour for this source of play clothes is a basic theme of stark black and white, trend setting wherever you go this summer. Greek homespun fabrics have become, in translation—sailcloth—a taut material that holds its shape, rugged and wonderful for snug pants.

Another is sheer wool voile, a marvellous fabric for sweaters, its surface recalling the texture of a shepherd's roomy cloak.

The slim tapered line of the new slacks is a further gift from the Greeks, accentuated with a gold embroidered motif around the waist, and teamed with a black nylon jersey and halter.

Further adaptations are the Middy—and long shorts borrowed from the boys but in soft, sissy colours like pink (still a firm favourite), red, green, maize and navy. Pale blue denim knickers, tied at the knee, go well with black linen blouses, loose-sleeved and with low necklines for ample sun-tanning.

Resort fashions.. by day

The tiered tent of a denim beach coat in bright orange with three-quarter sleeves and large, roomy patch pockets is essential when the sun goes down. Try a matching carry-all bag for your books, cosmetics, sun glasses, etc., team it up with bare-backed sandals of the same material, add shorts and bra—and presto! an outfit to see you through any summer.

Stark white again—this time an all-in-one white pique playsuit, featuring abbreviated shorts, and a plain top to be worn with or without straps, and topped by a dark Moygashel Irish linen jumper dress.

....and night

Still clinging to your never-wear-out gingham or pique dress? Well, give it a new lease on life by cutting off the top, and draping a starched white pique stole around your shoulders for cool summer nights, studding the stole with appliques of the dress motif. Add white cotton gloves, a rough straw bag and pumps and you're all set—be in Cabana, Castle Peak—or Kokomo!

The sweetness and coolness of eyelet cottons are unbeatable—the plainer the better. One lovely number seen recently featured a scooped-out neckline with huge cape collar, tiny sleeves and a circular skirt in ballerina length.

A further innovation this summer is the return of smocking and shirring for beachwear—day and night. Coloured smocking can be used in innumerable places to brighten up a cool, pastel linen or cotton dress—around the tiny puffed sleeves, across the bodice, or to form-fit the waistline.

Shirring—this time with dazzling white pique—for a timeless, strapless sun dress, covered up with a minute bolero, and topped off with white gloves, bag and sandals—is a go-getter with the wonderful washing-and-ironing qualities so necessary in the tropics.

And for a final reminder—Everfast calico (plain or glazed)—freely cut, Empire sashed and coupled with a little lace, is still a popular stand-by for evening wear.

U.S. as a woman sees it

BY KAY MURRAY

The International Flower Show's 100 square feet of orchids this year stunned even careless, glamour-conscious New Yorkers.

There were orchids pink, yellow, brown, green, white, purple and particoloured.

There were orchids with frills, orchids with beards, orchids with tiny hands and with red pistils like a red-hot poker.

I saw pure white Cattleyas measuring 10½ inches across and Chinese-red ones smaller than a farthing.

A tropical garden displayed hundreds of varieties growing in careless profusion in a setting of ferns and pools under the shade of a fig-tree the dead spit of Eve's original model (which is, oddly enough, quite difficult to rear.)

Spectacular even against this background were the nine sprays of perfect Cymbidiums exhibited by Mr. H.W.B. Schroder, who grows orchids for fun at Englefield Green, Surrey.

Having won him the Royal Horticultural Society's Gold Medal earlier in March, they have now scooped two more gold medal certificates here—those of the American Orchid Society and the International Flower Show itself.

Mr. R. Kiesewetter, who grows orchids for profit on Long Island, told me that private orchid-growing is still in the yacht class—if you have to think about the cost, you can't afford it.

It takes five or six years, he tells me, for a plant to reach full growth, and waiting that long takes capital.

(Note: In New York it'll cost you 35/—to £3. 10. to give your girl friend a corsage worth wearing, running up to £7. if you really want to make an impression.)

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Speaking of flowers, American men have lately been hauled over the coals for their unimaginative choice of flowers by floral designers meeting in New York.

It shouldn't be necessary, they say, even to have to mention that a corsage shouldn't be a heavy one that will drag any gown out of place. In any case, the shoulder spray is out.

Women are wearing flowers in their hair; on a cuff, pinned to a handbag or even, as in the case of one bright young deb, who used a cluster of real cherries this way, on the shoe.

A single large bloom is always a good choice, but a thoughtful man will see that a spray of smaller flowers makes it more interesting.

The old guide, say the florists, is still good.

When in doubt, choose white.

And if you are puzzled between two kinds of flowers, pick the one that is less common. She'll appreciate the thought.

THE TINY TOTS

Fashions from Rome

A morning dress made of light grey wool, the strapless bodice has two stripes, one light coloured, the other black. The jacket of the same material is lined in black. The hat is made of black and white straw. The model was shown at the Spring-Summer collection of Garbriella Sport, of Rome.—AP Photo.

She writes tales for the children

Twenty publishers in Britain and four in the United States are kept busy issuing the flood of publications which come from the pen of Enid Blyton, often called the "Modern Hans Anderson."

This well-known creator of "Mr. Tumpty" and "Rubbalong" had her first story published when she was 14 years old.

From that day she decided that writing must be her life's work. To-day this little brown-eyed Englishwoman is for many of the world's children, the most beloved spinner of stories in modern times.—Sales of her 250 books run into millions.

Her fan-mail numbers more than 50,000 letters a year. These contain thanks eager advice for new stories about favourite characters, and anxious inquiries about their health.

Working with a typewriter on her knee and her dog, "Laddie," at her feet in her lovely country home in Southern England, her industry is prodigious for, apart from her books, of which she can write 40,000 words a week, she produces short stories and a fortnightly magazine.

Mother of two teen-aged daughters and the wife of Mr. Darrell Waters, a distinguished surgeon, Enid Blyton also contrives to squeeze into her crowded life a great deal of other work, of which she can never be persuaded to speak. She often visits her husband's London hospital, to talk to sick children.

RECIPES

BREAM FILLETS WITH PRAWN STUFFING

Eight bream (or whiting) fillets, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, strips parboiled red pepper, extra whole prawns to garnish.

Stuffing: 1 cup shelled prawns, 1 cup soft white breadcrumbs, ½ cup medium thickness white sauce, 1 dessertspoon lemon juice, ½ teaspoon salt, pinch cayenne pepper.

Wash and trim fillets, drain, wipe dry. Combine filling ingredients, mix well. Coat fish fillets with lemon juice, lay flat on piece of kitchen paper.

Place 2 tablespoons filling on each fillet, roll up and secure with cocktail sticks or fine string. Place in greased baking-dish, cover with greased kitchen paper.

Bake in moderate oven (350deg. F. gas, 400 deg. F. electric) 10 to 12 minutes until fish is cooked but not broken. Allow to cool, chill. Remove cocktail sticks or string, top each with strip of parboiled red pepper.

Serve on bed of lettuce with jellied tartare sauce, cucumber, tomato and lemon slices, celery curls, and whole prawns.

PEACH TRIFLE

One sponge or butter cake (preferably 1 to 2 days old), raspberry jam, 2 tablespoons sherry, 1 pint milk, 1 egg, 2 tablespoons sugar, 2 tablespoons cornflour, vanilla essence, ½ cup dissolved raspberry jelly, peach halves, whipped cream or cream substitute sweetened and flavored with vanilla, cherries and chopper nuts to decorate.

Cut sponge or cake into fingers, pack into base of serving dish, spread with raspberry jam. Lightly sprinkle with sherry, cover, allow to stand 3 to 4 hours. Blend cornflour with a little of the milk. Heat balance of milk and sugar, stir in blended cornflour.

Bring to boiling point, simmer 3 minutes. Beat egg, stir into custard with vanilla. Allow to cool, pour over sponge or cake in dish. Chill. Prepare raspberry jelly, when beginning to set spoon over custard, chill until set.

Arrange peaches on top, decorate with cream or cream substitute, nuts, and cherries. Serve very cold.

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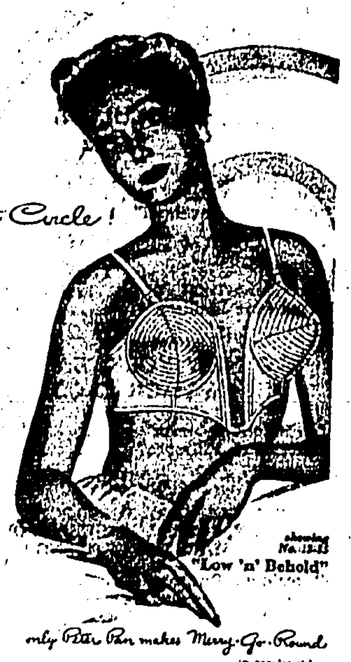

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BEAUTY CARE FOR THE YOUNG

By CLAUDIA

Beauty culture at its best is a long-term policy, concerned just as much with the future as with the present.

Many of the imperfect conditions—especially regarding hair, teeth and skin—about which we often find cause for complaint as we grow older, need never have developed if we had only taken more care much earlier. And it is not any great consolation to be wise after the event!

It is never too soon to make a start. The modern mother will begin to train her child at a very early age in those little daily routines which will form the basis of beauty care throughout life.

The important thing in teaching beauty care or, indeed, anything else, is the approach...to make the subject interesting, to make each daily routine a pleasant habit, not an unwelcome drill to be performed reluctantly under the eye of authority and scamped whenever the eye is turned away!

Build-up

Give each item a little build-up, explaining why these things must be done...never just "because mother says so"...and invent some small slogan which can be made familiar by constant repetition. Even a very small girl will enter into the spirit of the "game", eager to do things for herself just like mother.

Teeth must be pearly. This is the slogan for "tooth brush exercise" with her own small toothbrush and her own, special, pleasant tasting toothpaste. Up and down all round the outsides and then the insides so that the bristles can get into each little space. Then rinsing...which is always fun...first the teeth, then the brush...and a look in the mirror to see if they are really pearly like mummy's pretty necklace.

Hair must be silky. A little girl of five or six will be thrilled to have her very own "grown up" hairbrush and help to brush her own hair and make it silky—100 strokes every day! Perhaps she can do the first 20 or 30 herself, counting them up, and mummy can finish the job right up to 100. Then feel how smooth and silky it is!

The night before hair-washing day, mother will rub in a small teaspoonful of warm olive oil to make the hair grow strong and thick. A little of mummy's lovely scented shampoo is a great treat, especially when she learns how to rub it in herself—with finger-tips—and pull the soapy hair into funny shapes on top! Then, after rinsing...and rinsing...and rinsing, there's a little game with a towel twisted round like a turban.

Clean nails

Nails must be clean, each with its baby moon. She has a very small nailbrush of her own, with a little blue duck painted on the back...just the right size for her to hold. She learns how to press back the cuticle with a corner of the towel after the bath, so that she can see each little moon.

Soap on .... rinse off. Wet soap is good to wash the dirt away. Dry soap is bad, it makes the skin sore, so every little bubble must be rinsed off with cool water. Her soap is pure, unscented and superfatted and she can wash herself all over except for one little part of her back... which she will be able to reach when her arms have grown a bit longer! She learns to dry every little crease very carefully...and add a sweet smell with a very little sprinkle of dusting power.

Sometimes, when the weather is hot, she has a drop or two of mummy's toilet lotion in her bath water. And there is a tiny pot of cold cream...just like mummy's too...for whenever face or knees are sore from sun and wind.

Soon the "games" become like favourite bedtime stories...so well known that not a word must be altered or left out.

Mother and daughter

Mother and daughter wear the identical short-cut hair-style with equal grace and, incidentally, prove that the new short styles do not "age," but actually flatter the older woman. Secret of the neat, sculptured look is a good Toni home perm—so easy on the purse when content cutting and trimming of a permanent wave is essential in order to keep the hair manageable and smart—Toni News Photo.

Simple, solid cooking way to man's heart

You can abandon your struggles with the specialty cook books, if it's a man's heart you're after.

Men still prefer simple and solid dishes like beef stew and corned beef and cabbage, according to Sherman Billingsley and his chef, Gabriel Beaumont.

Billingsley, owner of New York Stork Club, hit on a successful formula for keeping everybody satisfied. He feeds the men beef stew and hands out perfume to the ladies.

He figures he gives away more than 100 gallons of his perfume, Sortilege, every year. And the chef has lost track of the number of onions that go into a year's beef stew supply.

"The hardest thing I ever had to do was to get my French chef to add beef stew and corned beef and cabbage to the menu," Billingsley said. Beaumont is an artistic Frenchman who prefers the word "create" to the word "cook."

Beaumont did manage to add a slightly continental touch to the beef stew. He used a recipe which he said came from the French province of Burgundy. But he stuck to the simple American method of preparing corned beef and cabbage.

On request, Beaumont carefully wrote out both his recipes in French, then took a French-English dictionary and translated them.

Beef stew bourgingnonne

Take 6 lbs. hip of beef, cut into stew size, rub with salt, and put in a bowl with some cut-up carrots, onions and bay leaf, add one pint of red wine and let soak overnight. When ready to cook, remove the beef from the wine, but save the wine for sauce.

In a pan, brown beef in a little fat over a quick fire. When brown, remove and drain off fat.

In the same pan add a few chopped onions and let fry a little. Then add one cup of flour; until slightly brown.

Add 3 cups of canned tomatoes and one crushed clove of garlic. Now add the wine you reserved, along with stock or water and let boil. (Add only enough stock or water to supply the required liquid for cooking.) Place beef back into the sauce and cook slowly for three hours, until tender. Remove beef from the sauce, strain the sauce and pour over the beef. Add seasoning if necessary.

Beaumont doesn't serve the vegetables cooked along with the meat. He says they are only to given a good flavour to the stew meat. He serves the meat with the strained sauce, and with separately-boiled and braised small white onions and mushrooms which have been cut and sauteed.

Corned beef and cabbage

For best results, soak a brisket of corned beef overnight in water to take out some of the saltiness. Then place in a pan with plenty of water and boil for one hour. Water should be changed after the first hour to take out remaining salt. Put back on fire with plenty of fresh water and let cook four to five hours, until tender.

Clean and cut new cabbage in quarters. Place in pan of cold water and let come to a boil. Then strain the cabbage and place back on fire in cold water. Add salt and let cook until tender. (Beaumont changes the water to keep the fresh, light green colour of the cabbage.)—United Press.

Ann Temple

An Iron Curtain

Can forgetting a painful experience be learned? How is it I easily forget something I want to remember — such as a name—yet find it impossible to forget something I want to forget?—E. L. S.

I am taking your second question first because through it lies the answer to your problem.

Whenever you learn something, the process leaves some alteration in the brain structure. This alteration — impression — stays there for varying lengths of time, so that later you can remember what you have learned. For want of a better name (the exact nature of the alteration is not known) it is called the memory trace.

You forget when the memory trace is weakened. Time is not the weakening factor. The two mischief-makers are: (1) Disuse, and (2) Interference.

1. The memory trace fades if it is not frequently recalled, just as a muscle loses power when left inactive.

2. Interference occurs through new activities criss-crossing over the memory trace or through emotional states such as fear, worry, self-consciousness, anxiety, paralysing the recall.

Your forgetting a familiar name is caused by interference. You are side-tracked by another name something like it or by something connected with it. Stop trying to remember. The name comes to you later on, when the interfering activity has subsided.

Since, then, these are the weakening factors of memory use them when you want to forget! Don't dwell on it and use yourself up on other activities is sound advice.

I must point out that there is danger in violently repressing a memory. Usually, more is repressed than the subject can afford to lose, and the result is neurosis.

The only safe and sure way to forget is to settle with the memory. Face the painful experience, and settle with it. Take the facts, *act on any that call for action*, decide once and for all what is to be your adjustment. Then if you lay the memory aside it will stay aside. In that way only is time ever kind to a desperate hurt.

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Is a woman who gets her man by women's wiles likely to ensure happiness for both?

She is definitely out to make a catch. He is vaguely rebellious and yet unable to do anything about it.

Many marriages have been thus achieved—and much unhappiness too.—LINDA.

A man who is trapped into marriage, no matter how sweetly subtle the wiles, never forgets it.

He bears a hidden grudge against his own weakness and her wiles that comes out into open hostility in any small disagreements.

The "mine" is liable to go off any old time—and it is a wrecker.

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A man senior to me with whom I work will keep on looking at my legs I wouldn't mind an occasional glance, but this is so marked that I feel embarrassed and bothered. Dirty looks have proved useless.—OFFICE.

You could lengthen your hem-line. You could wear woollen stockings. Or you could get on with your job and not know he was alive.

Attractive girls have to cultivate an indifference to staring. Once it was an unpardonable rudeness. It still is — but men don't seem to know it.

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To whom does a wife owe first loyalty—to her husband or to her people?—PUZZLED.

Don't overload this problem by using the word loyalty. Men and women extend their loyalty when they marry.

Say rather a wife's consideration. First and foremost it must be for her husband. The responsibility for his happiness has prior claim over the happiness of any former relationship. As also the husbands' responsibility to his wife.

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Is there any justification for the present-day tendency to use nouns as verbs? When I hear my children say they intend "to contact" a person I tear my hair.—P. T.

But there's justification in plenty — Shakespeare and Ben Jonson were the pioneers. It was the later grammarians who made the rigid rules that slowed down the growth of the language.

A generation grows accustomed to a new use if the new use really serves a purpose. "We accept "to belittle," "to progress," "to locate" today without the least discomfort, though their arrival caused a storm of protest, scorn, and derision.

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CHINESE FINANCES IN BETTER SHAPE

San Francisco, April 14.

The financial position of Communist China has taken a turn for the better since the State budget for 1950 was passed by the fourth meeting of the Central People's Government Council on December 2, 1949, Peking Radio reported tonight.

It said that income from taxation is gradually increasing in areas occupied by the Communists last year.

Furthermore, payment for 72 per cent of the first issue of Victory Bonds has been received.

Part of the financial income of the State for the last four months is already in hand and, owing to the occupation of South West China, income has been increased in comparison with the budget of last December.

"After the past four months' accounting, expenditure has become more closely related to reality than at the time of the passing of the budget," the Radio quoted Mr. Chen Yun, the Vice-Premier, as stating.

"Although there is a deficit between income and expenditure, the deficit estimated in the 1950 budget has been reduced by two-fifths.

"January and February of this year were periods of preparation for centralised management of finance and economy and the financial deficit of these periods was still not small.

Smaller deficit

"But, counting from March, the deficit in revenue and expenditure of the coming 10 months will be even smaller and on average, a balance may be nearly reached over the year.

"If income from taxation and Victory Bonds is fulfilled, according to plan, if part of the public grain for sale and products of State-owned enterprises can be sold according to schedule and money thus called back, if there is no important change in income and expenditure, then the number of banknotes requiring to be issued to fulfil the needs of revenue and expenditure will be reduced to a minimum and the financial and price situation throughout the country will begin to take a turn for the better.

"The people of our country have suffered enough from inflation. If inflation can be checked, thus stabilising finance and prices, this will conform to the hopes of the people and the economic needs of the State."—Reuter.

N.Y. Stock Exchange

New York, April 14.

Radio television stocks hit the ceiling today while the rest of the stock market milled around in soggy price ground. Television issues outdid themselves with gains ranging to around eight points.

Changes elsewhere were mostly fractional. Business was fast from start to finish and transfers totalled 2,750,000 shares—one of the year's largest totals. Allied chemical jumped 13 points to 238 on announcement of a four for one stock split proposal. Other gainers included Emerson, Admiral Corporation, Magnavox, Nash, Kelvinator, Motorola, Philco and American Broadcasting. All of the 15 most active stocks showed gains, but for the list as a whole mostly fractional losses outnumbered fractional gains.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 76.44; 20 Industrials 215.31; 15 Rails 55.02; 10 Utilities 43.10.

Closing quotations:

Adams Express	21¾
Alaska Juneau	3⅛
American Can	118
" Smelting	52
" Telephone	155¾
" Tobacco	69¾
" Waterworks	11⅝
Anaconda Copper	29½
Aviation Corp.	8
Baldwin Locomotive	10¼
Barnsdall	51½
Bendix Aviation	43
Bethlehem Steel	36¼
Boeing Aircraft	29¼
Borden Co.	51⅜
Canadian Pacific	16
Case, J. I.	42
Chrysler	68
Colgate	45
Commercial Solvent	17⅛
Corn Products	67¼
Du Pont	73½
Eastman Kodak	48⅜
General Electric	40⅞
" Motors	81⅛
Goodrich	88¼
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Homestake Mining	43½
International Harvester	20½
" Paper	39⅞
" Tel & Tel	14⅜
Johns Manville	48⅞
Kennecott Copper	52½
Montgomery Ward	55
National Distillers	23⅞
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New York Central	13⅞
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Pan American Airways	10
Pennsylvania RR	17
Radio Corp.	21
Remington Rand	12¾
Republic Steel	26¾
Reynolds Tobacco	38⅜
Schenley	32¼
Sears Roebuck	44¾
Shell Oil	39¾
Socony Vacuum	17⅝
Southern Pacific	53¼
Standard Brands	23¾
" Oil of Calif.	66
" Oil of N. J.	72¼
Studebaker	30¾
Union Bag	29⅝
" Carbide	47¼
US Rubber	42¾
" Steel	32
" Lines	16⅛
Westinghouse	34⅝
Youngstown Sheet & Tube	80¾
Gen. Pub. Utilities	17

Rail bonds drifted lower. Among curb gainers included Raytheon, Technicolor, Cities Service.—Associated Press.

NY RUBBER

New York, April 14.

Crude rubber number one futures closed unchanged to five higher. Sales 51 contracts.

May	22.50.
July	21.50-55.
September	20.50 nominal.
December	19.55 bid.

Spot number one ribbed smoked sheets, 23 nominal.—Associated Press.

LONDON STOCKS

London, April 14.

British funds were irregular in the London Stock Exchange but closed practially unchanged while industrial shares ended on a firm note.

Japanese and Peruvian bonds improved among the foreign securities.

Financial Times' index 106.2.—Associated Press.

UK exports at new high

London, April 15.

Britain's exports last month reached a new record of £183,300,000—five per cent above the previous highest figure in January.

At the same time imports at £221,300,000 were the highest ever.

Giving these figures today, the Board of Trade said that in the first three months of this year Britain imported £70,100,000 worth more goods than she sent abroad.—Reuter.

EAST GERMANY AND RED CHINA

Berlin, April 15.

The East German Export Minister, Handke, disclosed tonight that he had prepared a voluminous trade agreement with China.

"A German trade delegation will shortly go to China to conclude and sign the agreement," he said.

Herr Handke returned from Moscow today after signing a Germany-Soviet trade agreement.—Reuter.

BUYING RUSH FOR STERLING

Geneva, April 14.

The free market quotation of Sterling reached its highest point today since the irregular quotations of the weeks following devaluation last September.

A sudden sharp rise in the Swiss Franc rate of Sterling began after Easter and by this morning the value of Pound notes had increased by nearly five per cent.

There are no currency restrictions in Switzerland and all banks may legally trade in any foreign currency.

Swiss banks today were buying Pound notes for 10.90 Francs and selling them for 11 Francs. The corresponding rates before Easter were 10.10 Francs and 10.50.

The official clearing rate is 12.23 Francs. Before devaluation the clearing rate was 17.35 Francs.

The Sterling quotation on the Swiss free market has been rising gradually since the beginning of the year but this week's rise was the sharpest since the Rate became steady after devaluation. The low point for the year was an average rate of 12.10 Francs on January 2.

Swiss bank officials are not sure of the reasons for the sudden rise. "There are certain large buyers of Sterling," one official said, "but who they are and why they are buying we do not know."—Associated Press.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

s.s. "BENLEDI"

With reference to the "Notice to Consignees" published on 17th, 18th & 19th March, the latest information regarding the fire on board this steamer is as follows:—

A week ago it was reported that on examination the after bulkhead of No. 1 lower hold was still heated. A hole was cut 6 inches square in this bulkhead and heating and some charred sugar was observed; the bulkhead was sealed again and C.O.2 injected.

From information supplied by the Admiralty it is understood that this particular bulkhead is no longer hot, but so far the hold has not been opened.

There is little likelihood of any substantial amount of proceeds being available after the Salvors have been satisfied.

The present position is that "Benledi" is at Malta in possession of the Admiralty who salved her after she had been abandoned by the crew on account of the severity of the fire.

The Admiralty as Salvors have been asking for security in Malta in respect of Salvage services rendered, but have been unable to obtain this.

This is not unexpected having regard to the amount of salvage likely to be awarded and the probable lowness of the salved values in this case, also the impossibility of obtaining any definite information as to the present value of cargo in No. 1 hold.

The Admiralty have announced that they are considering commencing proceedings in rem in the Maltese Courts for the purpose of obtaining an order for sale of ship and cargo and for the purpose of an assessment of the amount of salvage due to them. If such proceedings are taken it is understood that any party interested would be entitled to make an appearance in these proceedings and cargo owners would probably be able to obtain possession of their goods as against provision of adequate security. It is not intended to enter an appearance on behalf of the vessel.

Should no interested parties enter an appearance it is to be expected that an order for sale of all the salved property will be made.

Consignees will no doubt wish to pass this information on to the underwriters insuring their cargo.

Application should be made to the Treasury Solicitor (Ref. AHK.) Storey's Gate, St. James's Park, London, S.W. telephone number Whitehall 1124, Extension 12) for any further information regarding the suggested Court proceedings in Malta.

The inconvenience that has been caused by this unfortunate occurrence is much regretted.

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are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godown where it will be at consignees risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on April 21, 1950.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after April 22, 1950 will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before April 29, 1950 or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Optional cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given 48 hours prior to vessel's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after April 21, 1950, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on April 20, 1950, at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All claims must reach us before May 14, 1950, or they will not be recognised.

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MAERSK LINE
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Hong Kong, April 14, 1950.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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Having arrived Hongkong consignees of cargo are hereby notified that all goods have been landed and placed at their risk and expense into the godowns of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns or failure to attend the survey.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godown where they will be examined in the presence of Messrs. Goddard and Douglas on April 18, 1950, at 10 a.m.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignee must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when examining damaged dutiable goods. All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned within fourteen days of the ship's arrival, or they will not be recognised.

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To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after April 21, 1950, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before April 28, 1950, or they will not be recognised.

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California (Dodwell) for Japan.
Kam Sing (Colonial) for Holhow.
Matthew Luckenbach (USL) for Kobe.

TODAY

Alpha Orange (Trinity) for Bangkok.
Cabusto (Texas) for Manila.
Kutsang (Jardine) for Singapore.
Hangsang (Jardine) for Sandakan.
Oriental Phoenix (C M) for Keelung.
Pacific Bear (USL) for Pacific Coast.
Ringerd (MM) for Saigon.
Star Aleyonne (Everett) for Singapore.
Strant Malakka (RIL) for Yokohama.
Torrens (Thoresen) for Europe.

TOMORROW

Tallyrand (Dodwell) for Pacific Coast.
Produce (B & S) for Sibu.

Vessels In Port

A. Earhart (Mollers) ..... K.D.
Alpha Orange (Trinity) A.13
Anhui (B & S) A.4
Bengal (B & S) ..... KD
Bust (Larsen) ..... S.C.
Cabusto (Texas) ..... TW
Ceylon (Gilman) ..... TD
Chengking (CMSN) ..... Yau
Chiao Jen (CMSN) ..... K.D.
Chu Ciang (Ming Sung) ..... Yau.
Chunsang (Jardine) B.10
Cloverlock (Roland) ..... SC
Colon (Colonial) ..... Yau.
Cornelius (Maersk (Jebsen) A.9
Davila (B & S) ..... Mc. wh
Dun Yu (CMSN) ..... Yau
Drupa (B & S) ..... APC Wh.
Eastern Venture (Metro) B.13
Ebonol (Yee Tai Hong) ..... Yau.
Empire Mountain (Mollers) ..... SC
Empire Park (Lam Kee) ..... DW
Fook Wah (Holly) ..... Yau.
Great Eagle (Colon) ..... Yau
Gujart (Bank) ..... TD
Hai Chung (Lee Bros.) .... S.S. Po.
Hai Hsia (CMSN) ..... S.S. Po
Hai Kang (CMSN) B.17
Hai Kin (Lee Bros.) ..... S.S. P.
Hai Nan (CMSN) ..... Yau.
Hangsang (Jardine) B.21
Heinrich Jessen (Jebsen) B.7
Hermelin (Thoresen) ..... KD
Hinsang (Jardine) B.18
Ho Kwang (APC) ..... C.B.
Hoi Houw (Jebsen) B.17
Hung Cheng (CMSN ..... Yau
Hupeh (B & S) B.6
Inchmull (Williamson) ..... SO
Johnson (Wah Ying) ..... SS Po
Kamboolia (E A) ..... KW
Kutsang (Jardine) A.8
Leong Bee (Roland) ..... Yau.
Loksang (Jardine) ..... KD
Mabuhay ..... Yau
Margaret Moller (Mollers) .... SC
Mausang (Jardine) B.23
Minnie Moller (Mollers) ..... SC
Nan Chiang (Eastern) ..... Yau.
Navidad (Dodwells) B.28
Norberg (Wallem) A.14
Orbital (Jardine) ..... KW
Oriental B.20
Oriental Phoenix (CM Trust) .. Yau.
Pioneer Lake (USL) A.11
Produce (B & S) B.15
Promise ..... KD
Pronto (Lee Bros.) B.21
Prosper B.2
Phanhan Chi (MM) B.15
Poltava (Metro) B.18
Poyang (B & S) ..... B. Buoy
Romantico (Wallem) ..... Yau.
Sacramento (HKES) ..... K.D.
Sargen (Eastern) ..... K.D.
San Antonio (Yick Yuen) B.16
San Ernesto (Manners) ..... SC
San Eudardo (Manners) ..... Yau.
San Fernando (Eastern) ..... KB
San Jeronimo (Manners) ..... Yau.
Shapur (Eastern) ..... KD
Shillong (Mac Mac) ..... KW
Sia Soon Lee (Lee Bros.) .... Yau.
Star Aleyone (Everett) A.11
Strant Malakka (RIL) ..... KB
Strant Soenda (RIL) A.6
Taikinshan (Ta Hing) B.9
Titania (Dodwell) ..... KW
Tjibadak (RIL) A.4
Tsinan (B & S) B.5
Union Star (Chinese Union) .... Yau.
Valve (Hung Hing) ..... Yau.
Van Heutsz (RIL) A.10
Wah Chung (Yung Tung) .. Cosmo.
Wen Hing (China Star) Po Tak wh
Wansford (Dodwell) A.15
Wingsang (Jardine) ..... WP
Yung Yao (King Tai) ..... S.C.
Yen Men (Ming Sung) ..... Yau.
Yearby (Dodwell) ..... KB

Vessels Due From

AMERICA
ATLANTIC COAST

April
Anitas 23
American Mail (Everett) ..... end
Axel Salen (Mac Mac) 24
City of Chester (Bank) 18
Fernside (Thoresen) 29
Leise Maersk (Jebsen) 22
Montana (Dodwell) ex-Vancouver.. 21
Pres. Buchanan (APL) 17
Pres. Johnson (APL) 20
Steel Voyager (Gilman) 29
Trein Maersk (Jebsen) 30
War Hawk (Wallem) 25
May
Arizona (Dodwell) ex-Vancouver .. 6
Alf Lindberg (Wallem) 6
Bonneville (Thoresen) 29
Citrus Packer (Wallem) 8
Colorado (Dodwell) 10
Cretic (Loxley) 15
Dona Aniceta (B & S) 7
Mandville (Thoresen) 10
Pioneer Bay (USL) 24
Pioneer Mail (USL) 14
Pioneer Cove (USL) 8
Pres. Fillmore (APL) 13
Peter Maersk (Jebsen) 8
Pres. Harding (APL) 1
Pres. Tyler (APL) 7
Sorol (Loxley) 19
Steel Age (Gilman) 15
Triton (Loxley) 18
Trafalgar (Dodwell) 23
Vassilis (Loxley) 8
June
Adelaide (Loxley) 4
Fernfield (Thoresen) 16
Gibbons Prince (Jardine) 23
Javanese Prince (Jardine) 8
Pleasantville (Thoresen) 29
July
Belleville (Thoresen) 10
British Prince (Jardine) 29
Fernstream (Thoresen) 30

PACIFIC COAST

April
J. L. Luckenbach (USL) 18
Philippine Transport (Jardine) .. 27
Pres. Taft (APL) 29
Sunnyville (Bank) 21
Surprise (USL) 25
Vingnes (Wallem) 20
May
Francisville (Bank) 22
General Gordon (APL) 1
China Transport (Jardine) 11
H.K. Transport (Jardine) 10
Nikobar (E.A.) 27
Pacific Transport (Jardine) 30
Pres. Madison (APL) 8
Pres. Wilson (APL) 5

AUSTRALIA

April
Changte (B & S) ex-Sydney 23
Sinkiang (B & S) ..... 4th wk
May
Cilos (Dodwell) ..... end
Eastern (Mac Mac) ..... mid
Eastern Glory (Jardine) 21
Hindustan (Jardine) 9
Ringerd (MM) 20
Merker (G. Livingston) 20
Nikobar (E.A.) 21
Kafristan (Jardine) 5

CHINA

April
Choysang (Jardine) ex-Inchon 24
Hunan (B & S) ex-Tientsin 18
Shengking (B & S) ex-Keelung .. 16
Star Arcturus (Everett) ex-Keelung ..... end
Wingsang (Jardine) ex-Keelung .. 22

EUROPE

April
Bennevis (Loxley) 27
Benmattow (Loxley) 18
Clytoneus (B & S) 28
Glengyle (Jardine) ex-U.K. 22
Mentor (B & S) 21
Meerkerk (RIL) 16
Talisman (Thoresen) 27
Tonghai (Gilman) 28
May
Benecruchan (Loxley) 4
Astyanax (B & S) ex-UK 11
Ball (Gilman) 24
Benclcuch (Loxley) 11
Benwyvis (Loxley) 14
Benvorlich (Loxley) 27
Changpellion (MM) 8
Corfu (Mac Mac) ex-London 12
Denbighshire (Jardine) 25
Glenroy (Jardine) ex-U.K. 11
Korea (E.A.) ..... end
Menestheus (B & S) ex-U.K. .. 14
Memnon (B & S) ex-U.K. 8
Pyrrhus (B & S) ex-U.K. 14
Rinkerk (RIL) ..... early
Soudan (Mac Mac) 8
Troja (Thoresen) 22
Tyndareus (B & S) ex-U.K. 6
June
Benarty (Loxley) ex-U.K. 6
Benmacdhui (Loxley) ex-U.K. 11
Benalder (Loxley) ex-U.K. 25
Canton (Mac Mac) ex-London 5
Glenartney (Jardine) 22
Malaya (E A) ..... mid
Tai Yang (Thoresen) 19
July
Carthage (Mac Mac) ex-London .. 3
Glencarn (Jardine) 9

INDIA

April
Ozarda (Mac Mac) ex-Bombay .. 26
Sirdhana (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta 26
Takuang (Jardine) ex-Calcutta .. 17

JAPAN

April
Pemba (Mac Mac) 22
Shanai (B & S) ex-Kobe 20
May
Anking (B & S) 1
Changte (B & S) 12
Meerkerk (RIL) 5
Strait Malakka (RIL) 4
Tegelberg (RIL) 30
June
Rinkerk (RIL) ..... early

SOUTH EAST PORTS

April
Fukien (B & S) ex-Indonesia .. 17
Hewsang (Jardine) ex-Sandakan 17
Noroverett (Everett) ex-Singapore 21
Newchwang (B & S) ex-Bangkok 18
Pioneer Wave (USL) ex-Manila .. 19
Pioneer Sea (USL) ex-Manila 24
Reberverett (Everett) ex-Pusan .. end
Tjisadane (RIL) ex-Singapore 21
May
Leneverett (Everett) ex-Singapore early
Pioneer Cove (USL) ex-Manila .. 27
Tegelberg (RIL) ex-Manila 6
Tjitjalengka (RIL) ex-Singapore .. 6
Van Heutsz (RIL) ex-Singapore .. 2
June
Pioneer Mail (USL) exManila 4
Pioneer Bay (USL) ex-Manila .. 20

Sailings To

AFRICA

May
6 Strait Malakka (RIL).
June
1 Tegelberg (RIL).

AUSTRALIA

April
21 Aros (Dodwell).
May
4 Anking (B & S) for Sydney.
10 Changte (B & S) for Sydney.
June
12 Merker (G. Livingston) for New Guinea.

AMERICA
ATLANTIC COAST

April
20 Pres. Johnson (APL).
20 Laura Maersk (Jebsen).
21 Pioneer Wave (USL).
25—Knut Bakke (Mac Mac).
28 Aramemnon (B & S) for New York
25 Fernland (Thoresen).
26 Pioneer Sea (USL).
30 Gertrude Maersk (Jebsen).
28 Java Mail (Everett).
end American Mail (Everett).
May
4 Dona Nati (B & S).
5 Hulda Maersk (Jebsen).
10 Izadi (Wallem).
10 St. Advocate (Gilman).
12 Mandeville (Thoresen).
14 Pres. Fillmore (APL).
20 Pioneer Cove (USL).
June
8 Javanese Prince (Jardine).
6 Pioneer Mail (USL).
22 Pioneer Bay (USL).
21 Steel Surveyor (Gilman) for New York.
July
22 Steel Executive (Gilman) for New York.

PACIFIC COAST

April
16 Pacific Bear (USL).
17 Tallyrand (Dodwell).
19 J. L. Luckenbach (USL).
18 Serampore (B.A.).
21 Montana (Dodwell) for Seattle.
27 Philippine Transport (Jardine).
27 Surprise (USL).
29 Sunnyville (Bank).
29 Pres. Taft (APL).
May
1 Tancred (Dodwell).
3 General Gordon (APL).
4 Pres. Wilson (APL).
6 Arizona (Dodwell).
9 Pres. Madison (APL).
10 H.K. Transport (Jardine).
10 Colorado (Dodwell).
10 St Advocate (Gilman).
11 China Transport (Jardine)
21 Nikobar (E.A.).
30 Pacific Transport (Jardine).
30 Sunnyville (Bank) for San Francisco.

CHINA

April
18 Hupeh (B & S) for Tientsin.
18 Shengking (B & S) for Keelung.
20 Takuang (Jardine) for Keelung.
21 Vingnes (Wallem) for Keelung.
22 Noreverett (Everett) for Keelung.
25 Choysang (Jardine) for Inchon.
25 Wingsang (Jardine) for Keelung.
May
6 Alf Lindeberg (Wallem) for Tsingtao.

EUROPE

April
16 Torrens (Thoresen).
15 Nazara (Gilman).
10 Auray (MM).
22 Bennatow (Loxley).
23 Glengarry (Jardine) for Aden.
25 Antilochus (B & S).
30 —Bennevis (Loxley).
May
7 Benecruchan (Loxley).
4 Kambodia (E.A.).
6 Hemland (Gilman).
6 Meerkerk (RIL).
7 Autolycus (B & S) for U.K.
7 Radnorshire (Jardine) for U.K.
8 Champollion (MM).
11 Shillong (Mac Mac).
14 Talisman (Thoresen).
15 Ste. Mere Eglise (MM).
15 Benclcuch (Loxley).
16 Corfu (Mac Mac) for London.
17 Benwyvis (Loxley).
18 Falaise (MM).
25 Clytoneus (B & S).
30 Benvorlich (Loxley).
31 Soudan (Mac Mac) for London, end Tonghai (Gilman).
June
early Rinkerk (RIL).
9 Canton (Mac Mac) for London.
10 Benarty (Loxley).
10 La Marseillaise (MM) for Marseilles.
14 Troja (Thoresen).
15 Benmacdhui (Loxley).
20 Benalder (Loxley).
July
7 Carthage (Mac Mac).
Tai Yang (Thoresen).
August
4 Corfu (Mac Mac) for London.
September
1 Canton (Mac Mac).
20 Carthage (Mac Mac) for London.

INDIA

April
20 Pemba (Mac Mac) for Bombay.

JAPAN

April
16 Strait Malakka (RIL).
19 Strait Soenda (RIL).
21 Fukien (B & S) for Yokohama.
21 Meerkerk (RIL).
21 Shillong (Mac Mac) for Kobe.
23 Loksang (Jardine).
26 Harmod (Thoresen) for Yokohama.
27 Changte (B & S).
28 Sirdhana (Mac Mac).
30 Ozarda (Mac Mac).
31 Shanai (B & S) for Yokohama.
4th wk. Sinkiang (B & S).
May
early Leneverett (Everett).
early Rinkerk (RIL).
6 Kafristan (Jardine).
15 Eastern Glory (Jardine).
15 Tegelberg (RIL).
28 Merker (G. Livingion)
30 La Marseillaise (MM) for Kobe.

SOUTH EAST PORTS

April
16 Star Alcyone (Everett) for Singapore.
17 Produce (B & S) for Sibu.
19 Mausang (Jardine) for Sandakan.
19 Anhui (B & S) for Singapore.
20 Hermelin (Thoresen) for Bangkok.
22 Sunnyville (Bonk) for Singapore.
24 Shanai (B & S) for Bangkok.
25 Tjisadane (RIL) for Singapore.
26 Hai Lee (Thoresen) for Singapore.
30 Steel Voyager (Gilman) for S. E Ports.
and Rebeverett (Everett) for Manila.
and Star Arcturus (Everett) for Singapore.
May
4 Pioneer Cove (USL) for Manila.
4 Hai Meng (Thoresen) for Bangkok.
6 Van Heutsz (RIL) for Singapore.
6 Strait Malakka (RIL) for Manila.
8 Pres. Tyler (APL) for Java Ports.
11 Tjitjalengka (RIL) for Singapore
15 Pioneer Mail (USL) for S. E. Ports.
25 Pioneer Bay (USL) for Manila.

SOUTH AMERICA

May
6 Strait Malakka (RIL).
June
1 Tegelberg (RIL).

ROUND THE WORLD

April
18 Pres. Buchanan (APL).
May
3 Pres. Harding (APL).

SHIP MOVEMENTS

The ss. Pacific Bear V.18 is due to arrive here today at daylight. She will be moored to Buoy A-2 for discharging/loading of her cargo.

The vessel is expected to sail for Okinawa/Japan/Taku Bar to-morrow morning.

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San Francisco, April 14.
Ship arrival, Anna Maersk from Yokohama.
Seattle, ship arrival, Cnoza from Yokohama. Departure, Herdis for Manila.—Associated Press.

NEW CITY SHIP

Liverpool, April 14.

Loaded with goods varying from pins to motorcars, the new 7,000-ton City Line cargo ship City of Birkenhead, leaves the Mersey tonight on her maiden voyage to the Middle East and Calcutta.—Reuter.

New Delhi, April 14.

The Indian Government tonight announced that a three year treaty of trade and commerce between India and Afghanistan was signed in Kabul on April 4, mainly providing for most favoured nation treatment to nationals of both countries in matters of commerce, industry, trade and insurance.—Associated Press.

AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS

Arrivals

TODAY

AIR FRANCE ex-Saigon, Hanoi: 4.15 p.m.
CPA ex-Manila: 11.30 a.m.
MATC ex-Macao: 5 p.m.
BOAC ex-Singapore: 5 p.m.

TOMORROW

PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Tokyo, Okinawa: 12.45 p.m.: ex-London via Brussels, Damascus, Karachi, New Delhi, Calcutta, Bangkok: 11.05 a.m.
PAL ex-Europe via USA, Manila: 12 noon.
BOAC ex-Tokyo: 2.50 p.m.

TUESDAY

PAA ex-Portland via Seattle, Honolulu, Midway, Wake, Guam, Manila: 2.15 p.m.
AIR FRANCE ex-Saigon, Haiphong: 4.15 p.m.
PAL ex-Manila: 2 p.m.
POAS ex-Singapore via Bangkok: 4 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Taipeh: 4.30 p.m.
BOAC ex-Bangkok/London: 5.40 p.m.

Departures

TODAY

POAS for Singapore via Bangkok: 4 p.m.

TOMORROW

PAA for New York via Bangkok, Calcutta, New Delhi, Karachi, Basra, Damascus, Istanbul, Brussels, London, Shannon, Gander, Boston: 2 p.m.: San Francisco via Okinawa, Tokyo, Midway, Honolulu, Los Angeles: 4.30 p.m.
AIR FRANCE for Paris via Saigon: 9 a.m.
CPA for Labuan via Manila, Sandakan, Jesselton: 2 p.m.
PAL for Manila: 1.30 p.m.

TUESDAY

PAA for San Francisco via Manila, Guam, Wake, Honolulu, Los Angeles: 4.30 p.m.
CPA for Singapore via Bangkok: 6.45 a.m.
BOAC for Bangkok/London: 8 a.m.: for Singapore: 10 a.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Taipeh: 8 a.m.

POST OFFICE

MAIL NOTICE
Air Mail Delayed

The Inward Airmail (From United Kingdom scheduled to arrive on Monday, April 17, has been delayed and is now expected to arrive on Tuesday, April 18, 1950.

The Outward Airmail for Japan scheduled to close at 5 p.m. on Monday, April 17, will now close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 1950 (Registered mail one hour earlier).

Outward Mails

Unregistered letters and printed matters for China mainland can be accepted at senders' risk and will be forwarded as opportunity offers.

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles (by Air or Sea) and Parcel Posts close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail. If mails closed before 10 a.m., Registered and Parcel Posts close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office one hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Saigon and Paris, Rez. 5 p.m. 15/4, Ord. 10 a.m. 16/4.
Airmail for Holhow, Rez. 5 p.m. 15/4, Ord. 10 a.m. 16/4.
Closing Times by Sea
Formosa via Keelung, 9 a.m.
Sandakan, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 17
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Manila and Jesselton, 11 a.m.
Airmail for USA and Canada, 2 p.m.
Airmail for Holhow, 4 p.m.
Airmail for Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Basra, Cairo (Nairobi, Mombasa, Dares Salaam, Mauritius and Johannesburg via Cairo), Rome and London, 5 p.m.
Airmail for Singapore, Djakarta, Sydney and Auckland, 5 p.m.
Airmail for Bangkok and Colombo, 5 p.m.
Airmail for Taipeh, 5 p.m.
Closing Times by Sea
Japan, 2 p.m.
Holhow and Straits, 11 a.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Japan, 5 p.m.
Airmail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, USA and Canada, 5 p.m.
Air Parcel Posts for Manila, Honolulu and USA, 5 p.m.
Ordinary Airmail (printed matters, samples and small packet posts) for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and USA, 5 p.m.
Airmail for Haiphong and Saigon, 5 p.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, 5 p.m.
Airmail for Taipeh, 5 p.m.
Closing Times by Sea
Japan, 10 a.m.
Formosa via Keelung, 2 p.m.
Manila, 2 p.m.
Korea via Inchon, 3 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Manila, 11 a.m.
Airmail for Holhow, 4 p.m.
Airmail for Taipeh, 5 p.m.
Closing Times by Sea
Straits, 12 noon.
Haiphong and Saigon, 3 p.m.
Aden, Egypt and Marseilles, 3 p.m.
THURSDAY, APRIL 20
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Canada and USA, 12 noon.
Airmail for Okinawa, 2 p.m.
Airmail for Holhow, 4 p.m.
Airmail for Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Basra, Cairo (Nairobi, Mombasa, Dares Salaam, Mauritius and Johannesburg via Cairo), Rome and London, 5 p.m.

EFFORT TO STOP SHIP STRIKE

New York, April 14.

Government mediators today met employers and union leaders to forestall a strike which threatens to tie up over 700 ships on America's East coast from midnight tomorrow.

The Masters, Mates and Pilots Union says 4,000 ships' officers will stop work unless their demand, including one that junior officers should be hired by rotation, are granted.—Reuter.

CHILEAN PESO

Santiago, April 14.

Chile has decided to maintain the exchange rate of the peso to the United States dollar at the same rate—31.43 and 60 pesos to the dollar following consultations with the International Monetary Fund.—Reuter.

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SAILINGS

s.s. "MAUSANG" Sandakan ..... 19th Apr.
s.s. "TAKSANG" Keelung ..... 20th Apr.
s.s. "LOKSANG" Japan ..... 23rd Apr.
s.s. "CHOYSANG" Inchon, Tsingtao & Tientsin 25th Apr.
s.s. "WINGSANG" Keelung ..... 25th Apr.

ARRIVALS FROM

s.s. "HEWSANG" Sandakan ..... 17th Apr.
s.s. "TAKSANG" Calcutta ..... 17th Apr.
s.s. "CHOYSANG" Tientsin & Tsingtao ..... 21st Apr.
s.s. "WINGSANG" Keelung ..... 22nd Apr.

Cargo accepted on through Bills of Lading for MADRAS via Singapore and for KUDAT, JESSELTON, LABUAN, TAWAU, LAHAD-DATU & SEMPORNA via Sandakan.

AUSTRALIA CHINA LINE LTD.

SAILINGS TO

m.v. "KAFIRISTAN" Japanese Ports ..... 13th May
s.s. "EASTERN GLORY" Japanese Ports ..... 15th May
m.v. "HINDUSTAN" Japanese Ports ..... 24th May

ARRIVALS FROM

m.v. "KAFIRISTAN" Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney & Brisbane ..... 8th May
s.s. "EASTERN GLORY" Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide & Fremantle ..... 11th May
m.v. "HINDUSTAN" Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney & Brisbane ..... 20th May

*Cargo accepted on Through Bills of Lading for transhipment to Fiji, New Zealand and Pacific Island Ports.

GLEN LINE LTD.

SAILINGS TO U.K. AND CONTINENT VIA SUEZ

m.v. "GLENGARRY" Loads 20th April. Sails 23d April for Straits, Colombo, Aden, Suez, Port Said, London, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Antwerp. Due London 1st June.

m.v. "RADNORSHIRE" Loads 4th May. Sails 7th May for Straits, Colombo, Aden, Suez, Port Said, Genoa, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam and Hamburg. Due London 7th June.

(Carrier's option to proceed via other ports to load/discharging)

ARRIVALS FROM U.K. VIA STRAITS

	Leaves London	due Hong Kong
m.v. "GLENGYLE"	Sailed	22nd Apr.
m.v. "GLENROY"	6th Apr.	11th May
m.v. "DENBIGHSHIRE"	22nd Apr.	26th May
m.v. "GLENORCHY"	6th May	9th June
m.v. "GLENARTNEY"	17th May	22nd June,
m.v. "GLENEARN"	5th June	9th July

All outward vessels accept cargo for Japan Ports

PRINCE LINE LTD.

ARRIVALS FROM U.S. ATLANTIC & PACIFIC PORTS

	Sails N.Y.	Sails S.F.	Due H.K.
m.v. "JAVANESE PRINCE"	...21st Apr.	10th May	3rd June
m.v. "CHINESE PRINCE"	....14th May	1st June	26th June
s.s. "BRITISH PRINCE"	..... 14th June	2nd July	29th July

HALIFAX, BOSTON & NEW YORK VIA SUEZ.

m.v. "JAVANESE PRINCE" Loads 3rd June for Java, Malaya, Colombo, Halifax, Boston & New York.

All above sailing & arrivals are subject to alteration without notice All intending Passengers are requested to register their names as far as possible in advance of the time at which they wish to leave.

PACIFIC TRANSPORT LINES

ARRIVALS FROM SAN FRANCISCO

	Sails S.F.	Due H.K.
s.s. "PHILIPPINE TRANSPORT"	Sailed	27th Apr.
s.s. "HONGKONG TRANSPORT"	17th Apr.	10th May
s.s. "CHINA TRANSPORT"	22nd Apr.	11th May
s.s. "PACIFIC TRANSPORT"	7th May	30th May

REGULAR SAILINGS TO U.S. PACIFIC COAST
Via Cebu Manila, & Los Angeles.

s.s. "CHINA TRANSPORT" ..... 11th May

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Softball:

Shell score 11-4 triumph over Mercantile Bank

(By "GRANDSTAND")

In the only Inter-Hong Softball game yesterday, Shell triumphed over Mercantile Bank 11-4. Although the game was dull from a spectator's viewpoint, it was played off in the right spirit.

Squaws had little consolation in trimming McTyeireans 13-4, for although Carmen de Sousa batted safely three in four times, she failed to oust Cecile Arnulphy of the White Fangs from the top perch of the batting ladder.

It was obvious that coach Edo Almeida was putting the chances of Carmen winning the batting title before the outcome of the team's efforts, for at the end of the top of seventh, with the Squaws leading, Edo Almeida insisted to his fights for the Squaws to bat the remainder of the seventh.

After a heated squabble between Almeida on the one hand and umpire Cesar Xavier and Scorer Tony Kwok on the other, the ruling given in the book regarding the definition of a regulation game was accepted, and the Squaws were disallowed from batting the last of the seventh.

Attack on title

Carmen Sousa might have been successful in her attack on the title, but Melin Gomes who was on second while Carmen was at bat, tried to steal third base and was tagged for the third out.

In the Midget League, Blackhawks gained a narrow win over Mohawks by nosing out Igmar Eriksen's outfit 9-8.

Shell tallied twice in the first frame and once more in each of the second and third to jump into an early four run lead, while blanking the Bankers in the meantime.

In the fourth inning, Mercantile Bank staged a rally with a cluster of four runs manufactured around three bunched up hits, but the effort was to no avail, as Shell bore down and jumped ahead once more with clusters of four and three runs in the next two semesters.

Rousing round-tripper

The longest hit of the game was by Dick Silva of Shell with a rousing round-tripper to deep centre.

Tony Kwok toed the rubber for Shell and fanned three while walking an equal number, while R. Frost twirling for the Bankers passed three and gave up 11 solid blows.

Virgie Gonsales of the Squaws is fast developing into a top rate flinger.

She fanned 10 hapless McTyeireans to notch another victory.

Mike Lee's proteges from McTyeires are still weak with the willow wielding, and only collected five hits while the opposition garnered nine.

Bonnie Chen, at short-stop, combined well with her sister Lana on the other side of the key-stone, while Nancy Kwok at first base held everything that came her way.

Court Brevities

Charged with breach of an expulsion order, Leung Nui-han, 40-year-old homeless woman, who was arrested last Thursday with $337.05 in her possession, was ordered to be re-expelled by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

Defendant was expelled two years ago for being a destitute. When arrested she denied that she got the money by begging.

On the application of Sub-Inspector J. Cairns, a .38 revolver, loaded with five rounds of ammunition, found in a conservancy boat at the foot of Pitt Street on March 4, was ordered to be confiscated by Mr. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

A charge of robbery against Kan Wing-hong, aged 20, unemployed, was withdrawn before Mr. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday. Sub-Inspector W. Jones making the withdrawal application said that the complainants and witnesses are now in Chinese territory and that there is no prospect of them returning to the Colony.

Kan, with others not in custody, was alleged to have robbed Ip Yuk-fong and others of $4,675 and other valuables in Pak Tin Village on January 2.

Almost 2,900 taels of gold, valued at HK$588,700 was the cause of Chan Ping-chiu, aged 30, appearing before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

He was charged with possession of the gold although he was not a licensed dealer, on April 14.

At the request of Revenue Inspector L. Millington the case was remanded a week for the Department to conclude its inquiries.

Sentence deferred

The sentencing of a Ningpo man, Mok Hong-lin, who pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny by bailee, was deferred by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday to allow defendant to make restitution to Miss Lam Na of room 312 Sun Sun Hotel, Nathan Road.

Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans stated that defendant, a travelling trader, had known complainant for three years. On December 21 last, defendant asked complainant if she had anything to send to her mother in Shanghai as he was going there.

Complainant gave him U.S. $180, a 14k gold wrist watch, a gold pendant weighing a tael, and three pairs of socks to the total value of $1,450 to take to her mother.

Defendant, who paid a visit to complainant's mother in Shanghai on February 27 but did not hand over the articles, was not heard of until March 17 this year when complainant's mother arrived in the Colony.

When defendant pleaded guilty to the charge a friend of his stated that he could help defendant raise the sum to pay complainant and Mr. Wicks adjourned the case three days.

HIKER RESCUED

The Kowloon Fire Brigade were called out yesterday to rescue a soldier who had fallen into a ravine while out hiking at Taimoshan.

A party of soldiers went out hiking to Taimoshan and while they were on the way home the soldier met with the accident. He was slightly injured.

Paris, April 15.

Flying Saucers or something like them have turned up in the skies above Saigon, French Indo-China, press despatches here said today.

Officers in the control tower of Saigon airport were reported to have seen "two or three luminous balls" at 8 o'clock last night.—United Press.

North Fulton golf tournament

Atlanta, Georgia, April 14.

Clayton Haefner rode a potent putter into the lead of the U.S.$10,000 North Fulton Open golf tournament today, firing a four under par 67 for a two-day total of 137 strokes.

The Charlotte, North Carolina pro, his face red from windburn, came in just a shade ahead of a pair of veterans who can make it hot for him in the last two hours—Lloyd Mangrum of Chicago and Sam Snead, who were just one stroke back at 138.

Mangrum equalled his 69 of the first round today and Snead posted a 67.

The winds played havoc with the less accurate shooters again, but eased up a little in the afternoon. The weather also was warmer than yesterday.—United Press.

Taipeh report on British planes

Taipeh, April 14.

Chinese Nationalist Naval Headquarters issued a statement in Taipeh today saying that planes with British markings conducted frequent low level flights over Nationalist warships off South China.

The statement said the Chinese Navy is trying to learn whether the planes involved were actually British or Communist ones disguised as British.

It said the latest instance occurred at noon today when two British-marked planes flew back and forth over a Nationalist warship at the mouth of the Pearl River.

The position given would be between Hong Kong and Canton.

The Navy also reported that Communist shore batteries yesterday conducted a half hour bombardment of Lingting Island in the Pearl River estuary but all shells fell in the sea.—Associated Press.

TRANSFER OF FRENCH INDIAN SETTLEMENT

New Delhi, April 15.

The Governments of India and France were agreed on the terms of the treaty for the transfer of the French Indian settlement of Chandernagore to India, the Deputy Minister for External Affairs, Dr. B.K. Koskar, told the Indian Parliament today in reply to a question.

Chandernagore, near Calcutta, opted for union with India in a plebiscite last year.

"Discussions between the Government of India and the Government of France have finished and we are agreed on the terms of the treaty," Dr. Koskar said.—Reuter.

PARIS SEQUEL TO STRIFE IN IC

Paris, April 15.

Nguyen van Tan, an Indo-Chinese landowner was shot dead last night in his home at Peroux, a Paris suburb, by another Indo-Chinese who accused him of "treacherously" supplying rice to the French forces in Indo-China.

The wife of Nguyen van Tan, who was also known as Phong Tan, was wounded in trying to save him. Phan van Tu, 20 year old niece of the murdered man threw herself on the assassin, who fired again and wounded himself in the arm. He then fled from the house, but collapsed after leaving a trail of blood on the path.—Reuter.

PEERS BOLT LIBERAL PARTY

London, April 15.

Two British Peers announced today they have quit the Liberals to join what they call "the only party capable of offering effective resistance to Collaism" — the Conservatives.

The Marquess of Reading, 61, and Baron Rennell, 54, announced their switch in a letter to Viscount Samuel, Liberal leader in the House of Lords.

The switch to the Tories by the two Peers does not affect the Labour Government's legislative strength. The House of Lords is heavily Conservative already but has no effective veto over the House of Commons.—Associated Press.

Two Jap Reds arrested in Hiroshima

Kure, April 15.

British Commonwealth Occupation Forces today confirmed the report that two Japanese Communists were arrested on Wednesday in atom-bombed Hiroshima for "actions detrimental to the occupation."

The spokesman said the warrants were made out at the request of the local American Counter Intelligence Corps unit.

The leftist newspaper, "Hiroshima Minpo," said the two Communists were arrested for leading an anti-tax collection rally on March 30 in which they led the demonstrators in a march to the local tax bureau.

The newspaper said local leftist organisations were seeking their release.

Hiroshima is in the British Commonwealth Occupation Zone but has a local CIC unit.—United Press.

BRITAIN FAVOURS EARLY PEACE WITH JAPAN

London, April 15.

The British Government considers that an early peace treaty with Japan "is desirable," a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

He was commenting on yesterday's statement by Dr. Philip Jessup, American roving ambassador, that the time had now come for a Japanese peace treaty.

A working party from the British Commonwealth is expected to meet in London about May 1 to try and co-ordinate a Commonwealth approach to a Japanese peace treaty.

This meeting was decided on at the Colombo conference earlier this year.—Reuter.

PRECAUTIONS IN THAILAND

Bangkok, April 15.

A pro-Government Press report today said the King has signed two Royal proclamations, both as yet unannounced, empowering the Government to mobilise troops throughout the country in case of a Communist uprising and authorising the Government to declare martial law when deemed necessary.

A high official pointed out that if the report was true the measures were merely precautionary as there was no immediate danger of a Communist threat internally at present.—United Press.

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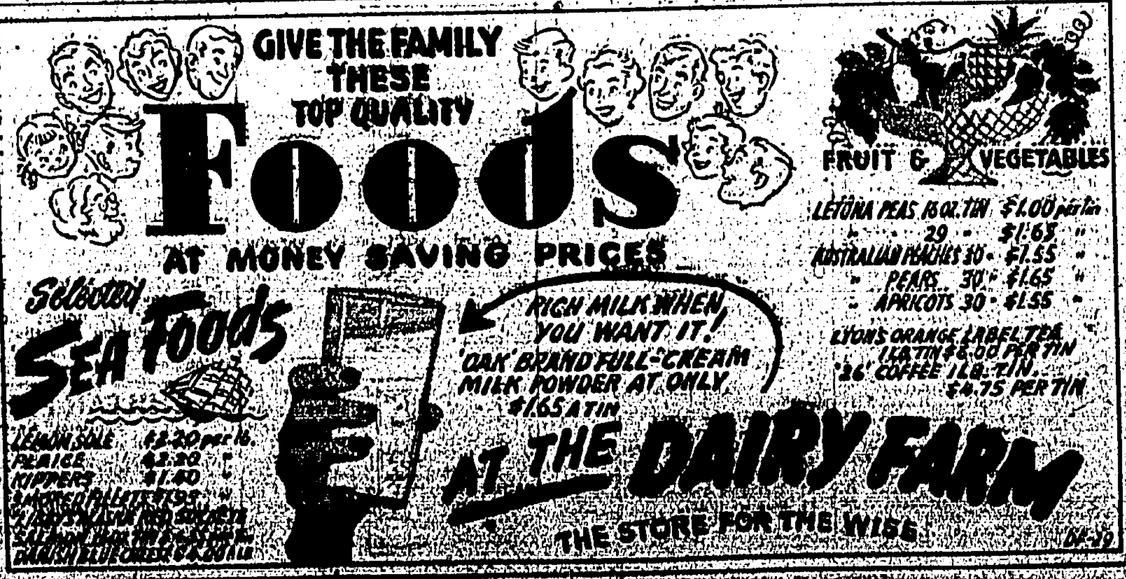

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Pakistan gain first innings lead against Ceylon

Karachi, April 15.

Pakistan gained a first innings lead of 98 runs in the second Test match against Ceylon here today. In reply to Ceylon's first innings score of 162, Pakistan were dismissed this morning for 260.

At lunch Ceylon had scored 58 for two wickets in their second innings.

Ceylon took only 45 minutes to dismiss the four remaining Pakistan batsmen for the addition of 40 runs to the overnight score.

Trailing 98 runs behind on the first innings, Ceylon had scored 58 for the loss of two second innings wickets at lunch.

Friday's play

Pakistan, continuing their first innings here today when the second day's play in the Test with Ceylon opened, scored 220 for six when stumps were drawn. Ceylon were dismissed yesterday for 162.

Ceylon were kept in the field the whole day by the Pakistan batsmen who, playing the accurate attack with the utmost caution, collected a laborious 220 runs for the loss of six wickets.

Pakistan now has a first innings lead of 58, with four wickets standing.

While the Ceylon fielding left little to be desired, Navaratne behind the stumps was particularly active and gave a fine display. His smart stumping was responsible for the dismissal of Anwar Hussain (56) and Maqsood (51), who appeared well set for a big total.

Dezoysa was the most successful bowler, claiming three wickets for 49 runs.

Batsmen over-cautious

After lunch play continued on a dull note, with batsmen overcautious against an attack which, although accurate, lacked variety. Anwar Hussain was the first to fall when he was smartly stumped by Navaratne shortly after collecting his 50.

The Pakistan skipper, Mohammad Saeed, did not last long and after having two "lives" gave Dezoysa a return catch. Dinshaw was run out due to a misunderstanding with Maqsood. Trying to steal a single he was caught halfway by Dalpathado, who whisked off the bails.

Maqsood went trying a big hit off Goonesena. Navaratne stumping him. Asghar Ali and Waqar were together at the close with 20 and 13 respectively.—Reuter.

Club de Recreio annual prize distribution

The annual distribution of prizes to Club de Recreio tennis and badminton winners will take place at the club house at King's Park today at 5.30 p.m. after an American tennis tournament.

Lady Grantham has consented to give away the prizes and the following prize winners are requested to be present:

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(Senior) Men's Single Championship, Winner—J. B. Gonsalves, Runner-up W. A. Reed.
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(Junior) Men's Single Championship, Winner — G. Gosano, Runner-up B. Soares.
(Senior) Ladies' Single Championship, Winner — Miss M. Ribeiro, Runner-up Miss M. Xavier.
(Senior) Ladies' Doubles Championship, Winners — Miss M. Ribeiro and Miss M. Figueredo, Runners-up Miss A. Rosa and Mrs. A. Carvalho.
(Junior) Ladies' Single Championship, Winner — Miss I. Soares, Runner-up Mrs. T. Campos.
(Junior) Ladies's Doubles Championship, Winners — Miss I. Soares and Mrs. T. Campos, Runners-up Mrs. M. Vienna and Mrs. E. Gutierlez.
(Open) Ladies's Doubles Handicap, Winners — Miss M. Ribeiro and Mrs. S. Xavier, Runners-up Mrs. Olga Lawrence and Mrs. H. Gonsalves.

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(Senior) Mixed Doubles Championship, Winners — M. A. Oliviera and Mrs. H. Gonsalves, Runners-up J. J. Remedios and Miss M. Ribeiro.
(Junior) Men's Singles Championship, Winner—C. Quinn, Runner-up H. Xavier.
(Junior) Mixed Doubles Championship, Winners—C. Quinn and Miss Y. Franco, Runners-up B. Soares and Miss B. Remedios.
(Senior) Ladies' Single Championship, Winner — Miss M. Ribeiro, Runner-up Mrs. M. Rosario.
(Senior) Ladies' Doubles Championship, Winners — Mrs. H. Gonsalves and Miss M. Xavier, Runners-up Miss M. Ribeiro and Mrs. M. Rosario.
(Junior) Ladies' Singles Championship, Winner — Mrs. T. Campos, Runner-up Mrs. M. Soares.

Wolf Cubs' athletic meet

The 19th Kowloon and 2nd New Territories Wolf Cubs were the joint winners of the Challenge Shield at the annual Wolf Cubs' Athletic Meet held at the Diocesan Girls' School ground yesterday afternoon. Both packs scored 27 points.

Third place was won by First Hong Kong with 22 points, while 37th Kowloon won fourth place with 14 points.

In presenting the Challenge Shield and Certificates, Mr. C. C. Quah, Deputy Colony Commissioner for Scouts, praised the Cubs' sportsmanship and scouting spirit and told them that regardless of class or race they were all brothers.

The Commissioner expressed thanks to Mrs. Barnes, who organised the Meet, and Miss Hurrel for the use of the ground.

Results:

100 Yards Over 10: 1, D. Castro (19th Kln.); 2, A. Kuo (19th Kln.); 3, R. Puncheon (4th HK).

80 Yards Under 10: 1, Fung Ka-kui (2nd NT); 2, Chan Wing-lau (2nd NT); 3, T. Gosling (1st HK).

Sack Race Over 10: 1, Lam Ying-sum (2nd NT); 2, Shiu Yau-yaw (1st HK); 3, G. Franco (1st HK).

Sack Race Under 10: 1, T. Xavier (1st HK); 2, Chan Ying-lau (2nd NT); 3, Chan Sau (37th Kln).

Three-Legged Race Over 10: 1, 19th Kowloon; 2, First Hong Kong; 3, 4th Hong Kong.

Three-Legged Race Under 10: 1, Second New Territories; 2, 37th Kowloon; 3, First Hong Kong.

Dressing Race Over 10: 1, Fan Hon-wai (37th Kln); 2, Yeung San-kong (38th HK); 3, D. Castro (19th Kln).

Potato Race Under 10: 1, Chan Wing-lau (2nd NT); 2, E. Rosario (19th Kln); 3, Yeung Sau-ying (38th HK).

Relay Race Over 10: 1, Second New Territories; 2, 19th Kowloon; 3, 4th Hong Kong.

Tunnel Ball Under 10: 1, 37th Kowloon; 2, 19th Kowloon; 3, First Hong Kong.

Results in Points: 1, 19th Kowloon and 2nd N.T., 27 points; 3, 1st Hong Kong, 22 points; 4, 37th Kowloon, 14 points; 5, 4th Hong Kong, 7 points; 6, 38th Hong Kong, 6 points; 7, 1st Kowloon, 3 points and 8, Kowloon, 2 points.

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Maureen Gardner back in training

Maureen Gardner, the British Olympic hurdler, has been off the track since the birth of her baby. She is seen here with her husband, Amateur Athletic Association coach Jeff Dyson, in practice over the hurdles at Molspur Park, Surrey, England. She will resume participation in competitive events shortly. (AP Photo)

San Miguel Darts League:

199 LAA Battery beat 23 Fd. Regt. 6-0 in final

The final of the San Miguel Brewery Darts League which was played off at the Command Workshops REME Sergeants Mess on Friday, April 14, between 119 LAA Battery RA and the 23 Field Regiment RA, resulted in a 6-0 win for the former.

There was an air of tenseness which seemed to affect the spectators and players alike, which only eased after the third game had been won.

BSM Silk (119 Bty) and Sgt Abbots (23 Fld) opened the series of six games and after a hard game BSM Silk managed to win two legs to one.

This first game gave added zest to both teams, but unfortunately for the 23 Field the games went, one by one, to 119 Bty who won all six games.

This was not the walkover as the score would indicate, because each game was very keenly contested, but 119 Battery managed each time to get the last double before the 23 Field.

The San Miguel Brewery Darts Trophy now goes to the Sgts Mess 119 Battery RA for the next 12 months.

The players of the winning team and the runners up 23 Field will be presented with minature cups in the near future.

The prize for the highest individual score of 165 goes to S/Sgt Clarke of Murray Barracks.

Among the guests present were the Dockyard Chargemens Mess, who won the trophy last season and came very near to winning it again this season.

Also present were CPO and Mrs. Elsworth. CPO Elsworth will no doubt be remembered as the Hon. Sec. for the two previous seasons and one of the founders of the Darts League.

The Darts League has, as originally intended by the founders, enabled the members of the different Service messes in the Colony to become acquainted with each other and thus promote "esprit de corps" in such messes.

I am sure that all teams will join me in thanking the San Miguel Brewery Hong Kong Limited for sponsoring the Darts League and for their support during the season.

Thanks are also due to the President and members of REME Sergeants Mess who made their mess available for the final tournament.

Tour of Morocco cycle race

Paris, April 14.

Fifteen European riders will compete in the tour of Morocco cycle race, starting from Casablanca on Tuesday. The number of Moroccan competitors is not yet definite.

The Europeans comprise six French, two Italians, two Portuguese, three Belgians and two Spaniards.

The organiser of the race, the editor of the "Vigie Marocaine," told Reuter here that although the dry season is now beginning, rain fell today in Morocco.

It is hoped that it will not continue long enough to interfere with the race, as it did last year, when rain fell so heavily that several stages had to be shortened or even abandoned and the riders taken by car from one place to another.

Motorcycle scouts who went out to reconnoitre the ground were blocked for four days by snow in the Tizintest Mountain between Paxoundant and Marrackesh.—Reuter.

Revised KCC tennis programme

Several changes have been made in the tennis programme of the Kowloon Cricket Club arranged for next week.

The following is a revised list for tomorrow and Tuesday:

Tomorrow

Court No. 1 Mrs. G. Chaun & D. Chen v Mrs. E. M. Tebbutt & R. O. Baker.
Court No. 2 Mrs. A. Bailey v Miss N. Lambert Baker.
Court No. 3 A. V. White v F. R. Kermani.
Court No. 4 K. M. Getz v R. N. Manley.
Court No. 5 C. G. March v A. E. P. Guest.

Tuesday, April 18, at 5.45 p.m.

Court No. 1 Mrs. L. Benjamin & A. E. P. P. Guest v Miss P. Ward & A. V. White.
Court No. 2 F. H. Kwok & D. Chen v A. Zimmern & J. V. Sellors.
Court No. 3 T. E. & R. O. Baker v H. Pepperell & J. Lawes.
Court No. 4 Miss M. Ribeiro & Miss M. Figueredo v Mrs. J. Horsman & Miss M. Fisher.
Court No. 5 Lieut. Col. & Mrs. Forward v Mrs. Lawes & L. F. Stokes.
Court No. 6 C. R. Tiernan & J. Horsman v J. Lerlou & F. R. Kermani.

Players are requested to check the Club Notice Board for any additional changes.

Results

The following are the results of games played on Friday:

A.E.P. Guest beat J.V. Sellors 6-3, 6-2.

F.R. Kermani beat J.A. Abbas 6-2, 6-3.

T.E. Baker beat A.P. Weir 6-3, 6-3.

Miss J. Watts w.o. Mrs. L.F. Stokes. Miss P. Ward and A. V. White beat Mrs. A. Bailey and A. Zimmern 7-5, 8-6.

Mrs. J. Lawes and L.F. Stokes beat Capt. and Mrs. Robertson 6-3, 8-4.

Mrs. S. Groundwater and L. Hart Baker w.o. Mrs. L.F. Stokes and J. Lerlou.

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Soccer :

KOREAN XI TROUNCE HONG KONG 6-3

In a sparkling display of fast and clever football before a large crowd at Happy Valley yesterday, the visiting Korean XI trounced Hong Kong by six goals to three.

The game, which provided spectators with thrills galore, was not so one-sided as the score would seem to suggest.

Hong Kong enjoyed as much of the ball as the Koreans, but failed because the forwards lacked the ability of their opponents when it came to putting the finishing touches to excellent approach work.

Before the kick-off, both the Korean and Hong Kong players were introduced to Sir Arthur Morse, President of the Hong Kong Football Association.

Chong Nam-sik, leader of the Korean attack, was the best player on view. Scoring five goals for his side, he was constant menace to the Hong Kong defence with his accurate shooting speed.

Another forward that caught the eye was Chang Kgung-wham, whose lightning thrusts into the Hong Kong defence delighted the crowd.

Chu Sung-won, between the sticks, had an easy afternoon and was never really tested.

The Korean defence played with fine understanding. Kim Kyu-wham, the pivot, drew the sting out of Brown and beat him to the ball on nearly every occasion.

In the Hong Kong defence, Spence and Santos were the only two players that could hold their own against the speedy Korean forwards.

Both Yu Yui-tak and Hayes started off shakily, but settled down later.

Pick of HK forwards

Ho Ying-fan was easily the pick of the Hong Kong forwards, whilst Galvin, on his left, played a good game and gave him valuable support. Apart from a few breakaways by Lee Tai-fai, the remainder of the Hong Kong forwards were definitely off form.

The Koreans swept into the attack from the kick-off and within three minutes opened the score through Kim Yong-sik, who left Yu Yiu-tak standing with a terrific drive from well over 20 yards.

Hong Kong received another rude shock two minutes later when Chong Nam-sik was seen speeding down the centre. Santos, who was the only defender to block his path, was beaten on the dribble. Drawing Yu Yiu-tak from his charge, Chong Nam-sik tapped the ball past him into the net.

Two goals down in five minutes, Hong Kong broke into the attack and from a long pass, Brown set the ball in motion only to see Ho Ying-fan's angle shot deflected by the Korean goalie for a fruitless corner.

Not long afterwards, Hong Kong were awarded a penalty. Lee Tai-fai, who was entrusted with the spot kick, made no mistake to reduce the Korean lead.

Attacks repulsed

Heartened by this goal, Hong Kong continued to press. Three attempts in succession to break the Korean defence were repulsed.

The Koreans attacked again and outside-right Min Pyong-dai was seen speeding with the ball down the wing. Drawing Hayes to him, he lobbed the ball cleverly over the latter's head to Chong Nam-sik, who beat Yu Yiu-tak with an easy shot, the ball hitting the upright before entering the net.

Brown had a fine opportunity to reduce the lead from a long pass by Ho Ying-fan, but his header went wide of its mark.

For a full 10 minutes, Hong Kong kept pegging at the Korean goal. During this period, Galvin and Ho Ying-fan were in the limelight, but the poor combination of the remainder of the forwards did not help matters and several good scoring opportunities were wasted.

With the game 22 minutes old, Lee Tai-fai scored his second goal for Hong Kong with a perfect header from a long pass by Ho Ying-fan.

After several Korean raids had been broken up by the Hong Kong defence, the Korean defenders were again hard pressed and Yiu Cheuk-yin had the mortification of seeing his drive blocked by Lee Chong-kap.

Hong Kong's third and last goal came from another penalty awarded them when Brown was fouled inside the area. Lee Tai-fai completed his "hat trick" when he converted.

On equal terms, Hong Kong played with determination and had the Korean defenders on their toes, but found them equal to the occasion.

Just before the breather, Korea took the lead again when, following a goalmouth scrimmage, the ball was passed to Chong Nam-sik, who secured his "hat trick" with a ground shot which brought Yu Yiu-tak to a full length dive.

The interval came with Korea leading by four goals to three.

On resumption, Hong Kong forced Korea on the defensive and on a pass, Lee Tai-fai was seen streaking down the wing. Drawing a defender to him, he cleverly eluded the latter and sent in a hard drive, only to see his shot hit the side net.

This was followed by a fine pass by Ho Ying-fan, which was spoilt when Brown headed the ball high.

Ball hits upright

Within a matter of minutes, Lee Tai-fai almost put Hong Kong on even terms again when he cut into the centre on a pass, only to see the ball hit the upright.

After a bout of midfield play, Korea swept into the attack again and Santos and Spence drew rounds of applause when they saved the situation time and again with their clever tackling.

Korea went further into the lead through Chong Nam-sik when Hayes, thinking the forward offside, did not make any attempt to run after him, as a result of which Chong scored an easy goal.

The final goal of the afternoon came not long afterwards when Chong shot through a crowd of players from more than 20 yards to score with a fine effort.

From then on the game slowed down considerably as the Koreans, content with their lead, took things easy. The Hong Kong forwards were also beginning to feel the strain of the game.

The final whistle came without any further addition to the score.

Korea: Chun Sung-won; Lee Si-dong, Phark Dal-chong, Lee Chong-kap, Kim Kyu-wham, Cho Yong-kawng, Min Pyong-dai, Chang Kgung-wham, Chong Nam-sik, Kim Yong-sik and Choay Kuk-chin.

Hong Kong: Yu Yiu-tak; Spence, Y.C. Chiang, Tang Sum; Hayes, Santos, Ho Ying-fan, Yu Cheuk-yin, Brown, Galvin and Lee Tai-fai.

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Koreans to meet Combined Chinese this afternoon

A stirring struggle is expected on the Club ground at Happy Valley this afternoon, when the Korean Soccer XI meet the Combined Chinese.

The Koreans, after their fine display against Hong Kong XI yesterday, will undoubtedly start favourites, but the Chinese are determined to lower the colours of the visitors.

On paper, the Chinese team is quite strong and all the players, with the exception of two, have had the advantage of playing together before.

This is an advantage which the Hong Kong XI did not enjoy and for this reason, there is a feeling that with the players understanding each other's style of play better, the Combined Chinese may succeed where Hong Kong failed.

There has been heavy booking for this match, which is timed to start at 5 p.m.

The following is the Combined Chinese team:

Yue Yiu-tak (Kit Chee); Hau Yung-sang (Kit Chee), Lai Wai (Police); Tang Sum (KMB), Woo Chi-siang (Kit Chee); Fung Kwan-sing (KMB); Ho Ying-fan (Kit Chee) Captain, Yiu Cheuk-yin (Kit Chee), Tang Yee-kit (KMB), Chu Wing-keung (Kit Chee) and Lee Tai-fai.

Reserves: Y. C. Chiang (SJFC), Kwok Ying-kee (Kit Chee), Chow Nai-chi (KMB) and Hau King-sing (SJFC).

Team Manager: Mr. L. P. Kwok.

Trainer & Assistant: Mr. Fung King-cheung.

HONG KONG SELECTION TO MEET KOREANS

The following have been selected to represent a Hong Kong selection in a soccer match against the Koreans on the Club ground at Happy Valley on Wednesday, April 19, at 5.30 p.m.

Yu Yiu-tak, Hau Yung-sang, Hsu King-seng, Chang Kam-hoi, Ng Kee-cheung, Lau Chung-sang, Ho Ying-fan, Yu Cheuk-yin, Kwok Ying-kee, Chu Wing-keung and Lee Tai-fai.

Reserves: Tang Yee-kit, Lai Shiu-wing and Fung Kwan-sing.

SOCCER RESULTS

London, April 14.

The following were the results of football matches played today:

SCOTTISH LEAGUE, Division "A"

East Fife	3	Aberdeen	1
Stirling Albion	0	Third Lanark	2

SCOTTISH LEAGUE, Division "B"

Cowdenbeath	1	Queens Park	1

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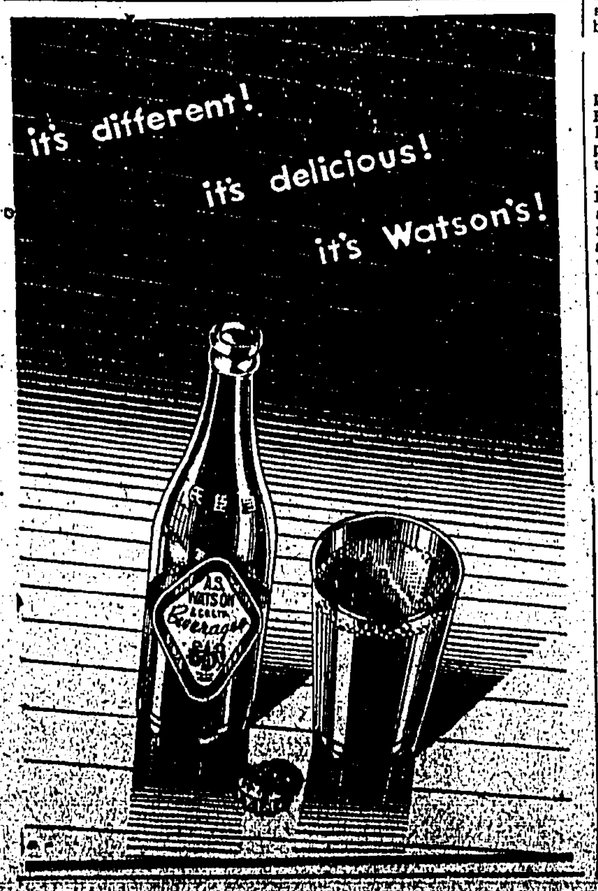

KOREAN SOCCERITES

Shown above are members of the Korean soccer team now visiting Hong Kong. The team which trounced Hong Kong by six goals to three at Happy Valley yesterday was selected from the above group.—("China Mail" photo).

Hancock Shield cricket:

End of first day's play finds KCC in precarious position

Kowloon Cricket Club found themselves in a somewhat precarious position at the end of the first day's play for the Hancock Memorial Shield at Cox's Road yesterday.

In reply to the Hong Kong Cricket Club's first innings total of 165 runs, Kowloon Cricket Club had only managed to score 25 for five wickets when stumps were drawn.

Play will be resumed today, commencing at 11 a.m.

N. E. Arthy, who opened with L. D. Kilbee for the HKCC, compiled 44 runs before being dismissed.

H. Owen-Hughes contributed a valuable 31 to the HKCC total, while R. S. Cull and G. H. Pritchard helped with 28 and 27 runs respectively.

C. J. Smith was the most successful KCC bowler, capturing three wickets for nine runs in 4.4 overs.

KCC failed miserably when it came to their turn to bat, not one of their batsmen reaching double figures. The highest scorer was W. M. Davidson, who knocked up nine runs.

Cull and Mahon were responsible for the KCC debacle, the former taking three wickets and the latter two.

HKCC

N.E. Arthy c Fincher b White	44
L.D. Kilbee c Fincher b Kermani	0
L.F. Stokes b Lee	14
N.R. Oliver b Davidson	6
H. Owen-Hughes c Smith b Kermani	31
O.J. Kerr lbw Lee	4
G.H. Pritchard c Kermani b Smith	27
R.S. Cull lbw Smith	28
J.B. Thessen-Ender c Lee b Smith	1
F.P. Mahon lbw b Davidson	3
M.S. Beevers not out	0
Extras	7
Total	165

	O	M	R	W
Lee	20	7	40	2
Kermani	11	2	40	2
Davidson	12	3	38	2
Hart-Baker	2	—	9	—
White	2	—	4	1
Smith	4.4	1	9	3

KCC

E.C. Fincher c Pritchard b Mahon	5
W.M. Davidson lbw Cull	9
A. Zimmern b Cull	1
J. Leriou c Pritchard b Cull	0
F.R. Kermani not out	0
C.J. Smith lbw Mahon	0
D.G. White not out	8
Extras	2
Total (for five wkts.):	25

Pakistan Davis Cup players in exhibition at IRC

The Pakistan Davis Cup tennis players gave an exhibition at the Indian Recreation Club yesterday before a good crowd of spectators.

I. Ahmed partnered by youthful I. M. Omar, was pitted against S. M. Alam and veteran H. D. Rumjahn in a one set match, which was keenly contested, the former pair winning 7-5.

Ahmed once again demonstrated that he is in a class by himself and gave a sparkling exhibition. He was given support by Omar.

Alam revealed good form, while Rumjahn showed glimpses of his old brilliance and gave his partner adequate support.

Immediately after this set Ahmed and Lai Kwong-tsun played Alam and Ho Ka-lau. This set was bitterly contested, with Ahmed and Lai winning after 12 games, the score being 7-5.

The Pakistan players were later entertained to a dinner dance at the Club house.

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PAKISTAN DAVIS CUP PLAYERS TO PLAY AT CRC

The Pakistan Davis Cup Tennis players will play their last exhibition matches in the Colony at the Chinese Recreation Club Causeway Bay, today, commencing at 4.30 p.m.

The following will be the programme—

p.m.

4.30 Alam (Pakistan) vs Tsui Wai-pui, (Hong Kong).

5.30 Ahmed (Pakistan) vs Ip Koon-hung (Hong Kong).

6.30 Ahmed and Tsui wai-pui vs Ip Koon-hung and Edwin Tsui.

Admission charges will be $5.00 and $2.00.

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS

London, April 15.

The following were the results of football matches played today:

INTERNATIONAL MATCH

Scotland	0	England	1

(Played at Hampden Park)

FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal	4	Newcastle	2
Birmingham	0	Middlesbro	0
Bolton W.	0	Blackpool	0
Burnley	1	Charlton A.	0
Chelsea	0	Wolves	0
Derby County	2	Everton	0
Liverpool	1	Fulham	1
M'chester U.	0	Portsmouth	2
Stoke City	1	Aston Villa	0
Sunderland	1	M'chester C.	2
West Brom.	0	Huddersfield	0

SECOND DIVISION

Barnsley	1	Blackburn R.	1
Coventry	2	Hull City	0
Grimsby T.	4	Bury	2
Leeds U.	1	Plymouth	1
Luton Town	1	Brentford	0
Preston N.E.	3	Bradford	0
Queen's Park	2	Leicester C.	0
Sheffield U.	2	Tottenham	1
Southampton	1	Sheffield W.	0
Swansea T.	0	Chesterfield	2
West Ham	0	Cardiff City	1

THIRD DIVISION (South)

Aldershot	2	Notts C.	0
Brighton	2	Reading	1
Bristol C.	0	Watford	1
Millwall	3	Exeter C.	1
Newport	2	Crystal P.	2
Northampton	2	Bristol R.	0
Norwich	0	Bournemouth	1
Notts E.	1	Southend U.	2
Swindon	0	Ipswich	7
Torquay	0	Port Vale	0
Walsall	1	Leyton O.	2

THIRD DIVISION (North)

Bradford C.	0	York	2
Chester	1	Oldham	1
Darlington	2	Lincoln	0
Doncaster	0	Mansfield	1
Gateshead	2	Carlisle	1
Halifax	3	Crewe	1
Hartlepools	1	Rotherham	2
New Brighton	2	Barrow	0
Rochdale	3	Tranmere	0
Southport	0	Wrexham	0
Stockport	1	Accrington	0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—"A"

Clyde	2	Celtic	2

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—"B"

Stenhousemuir	7	Dunfermline	6

OTHER MATCHES

Hibernian	2	Airdrie	1

—Reuter.

SOCCER REFEREES' FINAL MEETING OF THE SEASON

The Hong Kong Football Referees' Association will hold its final Monthly Meeting of the present season on Tuesday April 25.

The meeting will be held at Mr. L.G. Young's residence, North Point, at 8.30 p.m. Mr. Young will entertain the members with a film show. Several films on soccer as well as other sports are on the programme. Refreshments will be supplied.

In order to make all the necessary arrangements, members who intend to a present at this meeting are requested to telephone Mr. A.E.P. Guest, Tel. No. 21280 between 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Members who intend to be present are further requested to meet at Star Ferry, Hong Kong side, not later than 8.00 p.m. on the night of the meeting.

OTHER SPORTS ON PAGES 20 & 21

Army Athletic Meet:

HQ Land Forces win Challenge Cup

The finals of the Army Inter-Unit and Individual Athletics Meet were held at Sookunpoo yesterday.

The most striking feature of the Meet was the clocklike precision in which the different events were run off one after the other.

There was none of the dilly-dallying in between events which is so common in local athletic meets and the many spectators present enjoyed a full afternoon of sport.

At the conclusion of the Meet Major-General G. C. Evans, CBE, DSO, Commander of the 40th Infantry Division, presented the prizes to the successful competitors.

Headquarters, Land Forces, proved superior in athletic prowess to all other Units and won the Challenge Cup with 32 points. 1 KOSB were runners-up with 20 points, while the Royal Leicesters came third with 17.

Although no remarkable times were returned according to Army records, some outstanding times in Hong Kong for this year were recorded.

The 880 yards was won by Anderson (KOSB) in two minutes 8.6 seconds, which is the fastest time recorded so far this year in the Colony for the event.

In the 120 yards High Hurdles, the perennial winner, Major Skipwith (HQLF) won in 16.2 seconds. Major Skipwith also threw the javelin a distance of 165 feet 1½ inches to place first.

Another fine effort was the 43 feet 9 inches with which Moyman won the Hop, Step and Jump.

Most thrilling event

The last event of the day, the one mile relay, proved most thrilling of all. Up till then Headquarters Land Forces were leading in points for the Championship but needed to place to be sure of winning.

Lieutenant Bartlett was the lead-off man for HQLF, but he was up against the best runners of the other Units. He passed the baton to Major Lamble almost 15 yards behind the leaders.

Major Lamble ran a grand race and bided his time till the final stretch, when he uncorked a sustained sprint to pull into fourth place and pass the stick to Private Plews only yards behind the leader.

Plews rapidly drew level with the leaders and in the back stretch sprinted into the lead. The others attempt to match his turn of speed, but gradually he drew away. HQLF's anchor man, Private Crocker was given a lead of about 10 yards when he was set going.

Realising the importance of the race, Crocker gave all he had.

The anchor man for the Royal Leicesters was close on his heels when rounding the last bend, but 50 yards from the tape, Crocker pulled out his reserve and won going away.

The 440 yards relay was won easily by the 14th Field Regiment, who led almost from the start. A bad exchange between the second and third man of the South Staffords allowed the 14th Field Regiment man to draw away and they never looked back.

Another fine race

Another fine race was the 880 yards which Anderson won. Borwick (KSLI) took an early lead but lost the lead to Groves (Royal Leicesters), soon after the beginning of the second lap.

The first quarter was covered in 67 seconds and Anderson was running comfortably in fourth position. Going down the back stretch, Anderson unleashed a corker of a sprint and passed the men in front of him before they knew he had done so.

He kept up his sprint and though Groves tried vainly to make up for ground lost as a result of Anderson's surprise sprint, Anderson won easily by about 10 yards.

One of the closest races of the day was the 440 yards which Smith (34 LAA Regt RA) won, beating Lamble (25th Field Regt. RA) by a yard, with Steadman inches away in third place.

Though the race was run in lanes it could be seen that the race was between the three men.

Entering the final straight, Lamble was in the lead, but it was shortlived. He failed to match Smith's finishing kick and was deprived of the honour of breaking the tape.

Steadman also came up fast in the final 20 yards but just failed to catch up with the other two.

Results

The following are the results of the events:—

Track Events

100 yards: 1. Dunn (Independent Battalion); 2. Coverman (HQLF); 3. Swede (14th Field Regt. RA). (10.6 secs.).

220 yards: 1. Dunn (I.B.); 2. Higgins (Royal Leicesters); 3. Westerhout (34 LAA Regt.). (24.6 secs).

440 yards: 1. Smith (34 LAA Regt); 2. Lamble (23 Field Regt.) 3. Steadman (R.L.). (54.8 secs.).

880 yards. 1. Anderson (KOSB); 2. Groves (R.L.); 3. Borwick (KSLI). (2 mins. 8.6 secs.)

One Mile: 1. Lieutenant Downer (RASC); 2. Anderson (KOSB); 3. Grove (R.L.). (4 mins. 49.6 secs.).

Three Miles: 1. Lieutenant Downer (RASC); 2. Shaw (S. Staffs) 3. Stebbings (3 RTR). (16 mins. 16.2 secs.).

Sprint Relay (4 x 110 yards): 1 14th Field Regiment RA (Sergeant Swede, Bombardier Brown, B.S.M. Cowan and Captain Willar); 2 Headquarters Land Forces; 3. 34 LAA Regiment RA; 4. 1 KSLI. (46.6 secs).

Mile Relay (4 x 440 yards): 1. Headquarters Land Forces (Lt. Bartlett, Major Lamble, Private Plews and Private Crocker); 2. Royal Leicesters; 3. 1 KOSB; 4. 23rd Field Regiment RA (3 mins. 44 secs).

Field Events

Long Jump: 1. Moyman (Individual); 2. Gardner (Individual); 3. Leat (1 Middlesex); 4. Broadbent (I.B.) Distance: 21 feet 10 inches.

High Jump: 1. Cunningham (KOSB); 2. Skipwith (HQLF); 3. Handley (HQLF); Height: 5 feet 7 inches.

Hop Step and Jump: 1. Moyman (Ind.); 2. Leat (1 Middlesex); 3. Broadbent (I.B.). Distance: 43 feet 9 ins.)

Throwing the Javelin: 1. Skipwith (HQLF); 2. McNabb (Ordinance); 3. Adams (RASC). Distance: 165 feet 1½ inches.

Shot Put: 1. RSM Weller (1 Middlesex); 2. Goodenough (Argyle & Sutherlands); 3. Capt. Willar (14th Field Regt.). Distance: 35 feet 10 inches.

Throwing the Discus: 1. Skipwith. (HQLF); 2. MacDonald (1 KOSB); 3. Jenkins (1 Middlesex). Distance: 112 feet 10 inches.

Throwing the Hammer: 1. Jenkins (1 Middlesex); 2. Holdford (1 Middlesex); 3. Swindles (56 Med. Regt.). Distance: 103 feet 5 inches.

Pole Vault: 1. Easton (1 KOSB); 2. Jenkins (1 Middlesex); 3. Holford (1 Middlesex). Height: 9 feet 7½ inches.

Events which did not count in Unit Championship.

120 Yards High Hurdles: 1. Skipwith; 2. S/Sgt. Handley; 3. Second Lt. Cameron. (16.2 seconds).

440 yards Low Hurdles: 1. Garton; 2. Pereira; 3. Cann. (1 min. 5.4 secs.).

TODAY'S SPORT

CRICKET

Hancock Shield Match at Cox's Road, 11 a.m. (Second Day).

SOCCER

Korea v Combined Chinese at Happy Valley, 5 p.m.

GOLF

Fanling, Old Course 9.13 a.m. New Course 9.30 a.m.

TENNIS

Exhibition by Pakistan Davis Cup starts at the Chinese Recreation Club, commencing 4.30 p.m.

HOCKEY

Association matches: Recreio "A" v Dutch HC at King's Park, 10 a.m.; KITC v Recreio "B" at King's Park, 10 a.m.; Nomads v Army at Sookunpoo, 11.15 a.m.; RAF v Navy at Kai Tak, 11.30 a.m.; Chand Tara v Pak SC at King's Park, 11.30 a.m.; Police v Commandos at Boundary Street, 10.30 a.m.; YMCA v HKHC at King's Park, 11.15 a.m.

HUNT CLUB MEET

Hong Kong Polo & Hunt Club Meet at the Hunt Club Stables, Sacred Hill, at 11.30 a.m.

SOFTBALL

Men's Senior League Play-off: Jaguars v Americans; CBA 11.30 a.m.; Braves v St. Joseph's, CBA, 2.30 p.m.

Inter-Hong League: Calles v San Miguel, Recreio, 11.30 a.m.; Staffs v Civil Service, CBA, 10 a.m.; Union Insurance v Gibb Livingston, CBA, 4 p.m.

Midgets League: Lions v Bluebirds, Recreio, 9.30 Aces v Saints, Recreio, 2.30 p.m.; Defenders v Blackarrows, CBA, 4 p.m.